

The Kind of Church God Builds

A Church Centered on God

I. Introduction

- A. John 17:1-5 (NLT) *¹After saying all these things, Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son so he can give glory back to you. ²For you have given him authority over everyone. He gives eternal life to each one you have given him. ³And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth. ⁴I brought glory to you here on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. ⁵Now, Father, bring me into the glory we shared before the world began."*
- B. John 17:24 (NLT) *"Father, I want these whom you have given me to be with me where I am. Then they can see all the glory you gave me because you loved me even before the world began!"*
- C. Matt. 17:1-2 (NLT) *¹Six days later Jesus took Peter and the two brothers, James and John, and led them up a high mountain to be alone. ²As the men watched, Jesus' appearance was transformed so that his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light.*
- D. Rev. 1:16b (NLT) *And his face was like the sun in all its brilliance.*
- E. John 1:14 (NAS) *And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.*
- F. "The most powerful way you can restore a ruined soul is to learn to worship God. If you see inside yourself spiritual wreckage, the most powerful way for you to get your life together is to learn to practice the worship of God."
- "The most powerful way that a church can become healthy - - and move from unhealth to health - - is to practice the worship of God. All through the Bible, God's people are directed to praise and worship God."*
- "When worship moves to the periphery, and something else fills the center, the church, or a human being, begins to skate on thin ice." (Dallas Willard, *Renovation of the Heart*)*
- G. Psalm 95:6-7 (NLT) *⁶Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the LORD our maker, ⁷for he is our God. We are the people he watches over, the flock under his care.*
- H. Psalm 96:9 (NLT) *Worship the LORD in all his holy splendor. Let all the earth tremble before him.*
- I. Psalm 99:5 (NLT) *Exalt the LORD our God! Bow low before his feet, for he is holy!*
- J. Psalm 100:2, 4 (NLT) *Worship the LORD with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy.*

II. Conclusion