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Prayer

&

Praise

A scenic photograph of a snowy mountain range at dusk. The sky is a deep blue, and the sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow on the snow-covered peaks and a large, craggy rock formation on the right. In the foreground, a stream of water is partially frozen, with its surface reflecting the light from the sky and the mountains. The overall atmosphere is serene and majestic.

Worship

In

Song

Shout To The Lord

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My Jesus, my Savior,

Lord, there is none like You;

All of my days, I want to praise

The wonders of Your mighty love.

My comfort, my Shelter,

Tower of refuge and strength;

Let every breath, all that I am

Never cease to worship You.

**Shout to the Lord,
All the earth, let us sing,
Power and majesty,
Praise to the King;**

**Mountains bow down
And the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name,**

I sing for joy

At the work of Your hands,

Forever I'll love You,

Forever I'll stand,

**Nothing compares
To the promise I have
In You.**

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**Nothing compares
To the promise I have,
Nothing compares
To the promise I have,**

**Oh, nothing compares
To the promise I have
In You.**



***Come, Now is the Time
To Worship***

Come, now is the time to worship.

Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are to worship.

Come, just as you are before your God,

...Come...

**One day every tongue will confess
You are God.**

One day every knee will bow.

**Still the greatest treasure
remains for those,
who gladly choose You now!**

Come, now is the time to worship.

Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are to worship.

Come, just as you are before your God,

...Come...

**Willingly we choose
to surrender our lives.
Willingly our knees will bow.
With all our heart, soul,
mind and strength
we gladly choose you now.**

Come, now is the time to worship.

Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are to worship.

Come, just as you are before your God,

...Come...Come...Come



Here I Am To Worship

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Light of the world,

You stepped down into darkness -

Opened my eyes, let me see

Beauty that made

This heart adore You,

Hope of a life spent with You.

And here I am to worship,

Here I am to bow down,

Here I am to say that

You're my God.

You're altogether lovely,

Altogether worthy,

Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days,

Oh, so highly exalted.

Glorious in heaven above.

Humbly You came

To the earth You created.

All for love's sake became poor.

And here I am to worship,

Here I am to bow down,

Here I am to say that

You're my God.

You're altogether lovely,

Altogether worthy,

Altogether wonderful to me.

And I'll never know

How much it cost

To see my sin upon that cross.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORSHIP THE LORD WITH TITHES & OFFERINGS

So let each one give as
he purposes in his heart,
not grudgingly or of
necessity; for God loves a
cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

Doxology

Praise God,
from whom all blessings flow:

Praise Him,
all creatures here below.

Praise Him above,
ye heav' nly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

A-men



Worship

In

Song

O Worship The King

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O worship the King,

All glorious above,

And gratefully sing

His wonderful love;

Our Shield and Defender,

The Ancient of Days,

Pavilioned in splendor,

And girded with praise!

O tell of His might,

O sing of His grace,

Whose robe is the light,

Whose canopy space!

His chariots of wrath

The deep thunderclouds form,

And dark is His path

On the wings of the storm.

All hail to the King!

In splendor enthroned;

Glad praises we bring,

Thy wonders make known.

Returning victorious,
Great conqueror of sin,
King Jesus, all glorious,
Our victory will win.



Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy!

Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning

Our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, holy, holy!

Merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons,

Blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy!

All the saints adore Thee,

Casting down their golden crowns

Around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim

Falling down before Thee,

Which wert and art

And evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy!

Though the darkness hide Thee,

Though the eye of sinful man

Thy glory may not see;

Only Thou art holy -

There is none beside Thee,

Perfect in power,

In love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy!

Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name

In earth and sky and sea;

Holy, holy, holy!

Merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons,

Blessed Trinity!



How Great is Our God

The splendor of the King,

Clothed in majesty,

Let all the earth rejoice,

Let all the earth rejoice!

He wraps Himself in light,

And darkness tries to hide

And trembles at His voice,

And trembles at His voice,

How great is our God,

Sing with me

How great is our God,

And all will see

How great,

How great is our God!

And age to age He stands

And time is in His hands

Beginning and the end,

Beginning and the end,

The God-head, three in one,

Father, Spirit, Son,

The Lion and the Lamb,

The Lion and the Lamb.

How great is our God,

Sing with me

How great is our God,

And all will see

How great,

How great is our God!

Name above all names,

Worthy of all praise,

My heart will sing

How great is our God!

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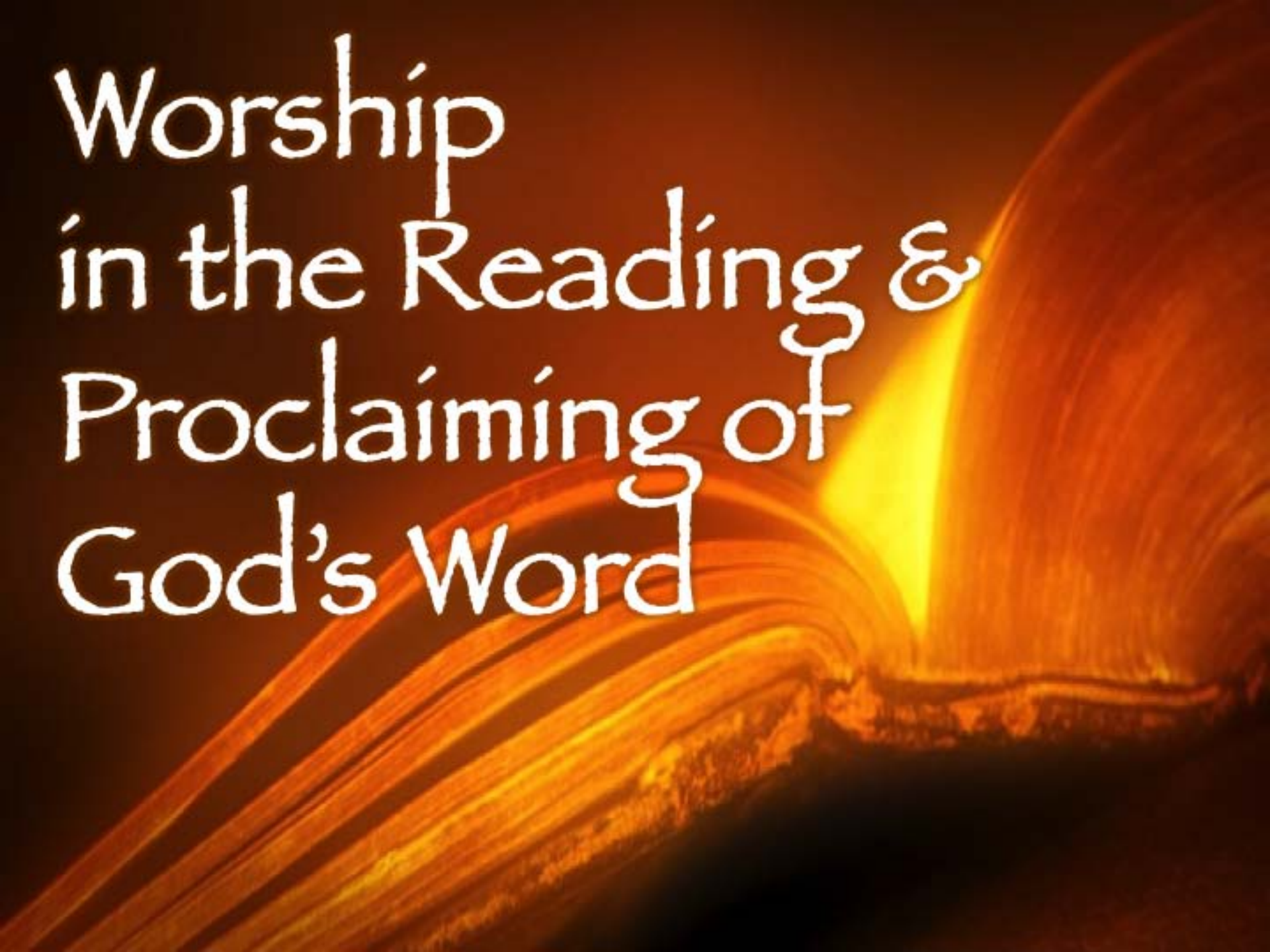
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An open book is shown from a low angle, with the pages fanning out. A bright, golden light source is positioned behind the book, creating a strong glow and casting long, soft shadows. The overall color palette is warm, dominated by oranges, yellows, and browns. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image in a white, serif font.

Worship
in the Reading &
Proclaiming of
God's Word

The Inner Essence of Worship

Introduction:



Dr. Richard D. Phillips

TEXT: Philippians 1:21-23; 3:8; “For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. 3:8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ.” (ESV)

I. Worship is an Inner, Godward Experience -

The New Testament reveals a stunning silence about the outward place and forms of worship and a major increase of worship as an inner, Godward experience of the heart manifest in everyday life.

The silence about outward forms is obvious in the fact that the gathered life of the church is never called "worship" in the New Testament.

And the main Old Testament word for worship (*proskuneo*) is nearly absent from the New Testament letters.

(proskuneo) - Meaning to kiss, like a dog licking his master's hand); to fawn or crouch to, i.e. (literally or figuratively) prostrate oneself in homage (do reverence to, adore):—**worship**.

The magnification of **worship** as an inner, Godward experience of the heart is seen in the words of Jesus that the hour is coming and now is when worship will not be located in Samaria or Jerusalem, but will be "in spirit and in truth".

John 4:21-24 “Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”

II. Inner spiritual reality replaces geographic locality.

Where you are physically matters not as much as the status of your heart...

Matthew 15:8-9 “This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do **worship** me, teaching for **doctrines** the commandments of men.”

The word **doctrines**, here, means the requirements of religion-- things to be believed and practiced in religion.

Worship that does not come from the heart is vain, empty. It is not authentic **worship**. It is no **worship**.

You can see it also in Romans 12:1, where Paul says that Christians should present our bodies to God in daily obedience to his will as a "spiritual service of worship."

Romans 12:1 “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies (**daily**) as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.” **(ESV)**

So I concluded that the **essence of worship** is not external, localized acts, but inner, Godward experience that comes out **not** primarily in church services (though they are important) but primarily in daily expressions of allegiance to God - in your work or school life, the way you treat your siblings, in the way you handle your money, or keeping your marriage vows, or speaking up for Christ.

III. What Experience Magnifies God?

Now I simply want to identify what the essence of that inner experience is which we call worship.

If it is not essentially an outward act, but an experience of the heart, what is that experience?

Now I take it as a given that **worship**, whether an inner act of the heart, or an outward act of the body, or of the people attending **worship** together, is a magnifying of God.

That is, it is an act that shows how wonderful God is to you. It is an act that reveals or expresses how great and glorious he is to you. Worship is all about reflecting your worth or value of God.

So the question we are asking this morning is: What inner experience of the heart does that?

If the soul of worship is not mere outward form, but inner, Godward experience, what experience reveals and expresses how great and glorious God is?

**To answer that question we go to
Philippians 1:20-21;**

Philippians 1:20-21 “as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.” (ESV)

Notice from verse 20 what Paul's mission in life is.

He says it is "my earnest expectation and hope, that I will not be put to shame in anything, but that with all boldness, Christ will even now, as always, be exalted [the key word, "magnified" - shown to be great and glorious] in my body, whether by life or by death."

So what Paul is saying is that his earnest hope and passion is that what he does with his body (LIFE), whether in life or death, will always be worship.

In life and death his mission is to magnify Christ - to show that Christ is magnificent, to exalt Christ, and demonstrate that he is great.

IV. Exalting Christ by Life and by Death

So the question now becomes: Does Paul tell us what kind of inner experience exalts Christ in this way? Does he reveal the essence of worship?

The answer is that he does, and he does so in the next verse (verse 21) by the way it is connected to verse 20.

Notice the reference to "life" and "death" in verse 20 - "that Christ shall be exalted in my body, whether by life or death," and then notice the link-up with the corresponding words "live" and "die" in the next verse (21):

"For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

So "life" and "death" in verse 20 correspond to "live" and "die" in verse 21.

And the connection between the two verses is that verse 21 shows the basis for how living and dying can exalt or magnify Christ.

Verse 21 begins with "for" or "because." My expectation and hope is that Christ will be exalted whether by my life or my death, for (because) to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Verse 21 describes the inner experience that exalts Christ and is the essence of worship.

To see this, let's take each pair separately, starting with "death" in verse 20 and "die" in verse 21.

Boil down the verse to read: My expectation and hope is that Christ will be exalted in my body by death, for to me to die is gain. Christ will be exalted in my dying, if my dying is for me gain.

Do you see it? The inner experience that magnifies Christ in dying is to experience death as gain.

Why is that?

Verse 23 shows why dying is gain for Paul (and for you if you are a Christian):

"My desire is to depart [that is, to die**] and be with Christ for that is much better."**

That is what death does: it takes us into more intimacy with Christ. We depart and we are with Christ, and that, Paul says, is gain.

And when you experience death this way, Paul says, you exalt Christ. Experiencing Christ as gain in your dying magnifies Christ. It is the essence of worship in the hour of death.

V. Cherishing Christ as Gain

Which means that we can now say that the inner essence of worship is cherishing Christ as gain - indeed as more gain than all that life can offer - family, career, retirement, fame, food, and friends.

The essence of worship is experiencing Christ as gain. Or to use other words: it is enjoying Christ, treasuring Christ, being satisfied with Christ.

This is the inner essence of worship, because, Paul says, experiencing Christ as gain in death is the way he is exalted in death.

Or another way to say it is that the essence of praising Christ is prizing Christ. Christ will be praised in my death, if in my death he is prized above life.

The inner essence of worship is prizing Christ, cherishing him, treasuring him, and being satisfied with him.

Now to confirm this, focus with me on the other pair of words.

Verse 20: "My expectation is that Christ be exalted in my life."

Verse 21: "For to me to live is Christ."

So the reason Paul gives for why Christ is exalted, or worshipped, in his life is that for him "to live is Christ."

What does that mean?

VI. The Surpassing Value of Knowing Christ **my Lord**

Philippians 3:8 "I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish in order that I may gain Christ."

"To live is Christ" means to count everything as loss now in this life in comparison to the value of gaining Christ!!!!!!

Do you see the word "gain" turning up here again in 3:8 just as it did in 1:21?

"To live is Christ" means experiencing Christ as gain now, not just in death.

So Paul's point is that life and death, for a Christian, are to be acts of worship - they exalt Christ, and magnify him and reveal and express his greatness - when they come from an inner experience of treasuring Christ as gain..

Christ is praised in death by being prized above life. And Christ is most glorified in life when we are most satisfied in him even before death.

The confirming, inner essence of **worship** is being satisfied with Christ, prizing Christ, cherishing Christ, treasuring Christ.

When we say that what we do on Sunday morning is **WORSHIPPING GOD**, what we mean is: we are seeking satisfaction in God, and seeking God as our prize, and seeking God as our treasure, our soul-food, our heart-delight, our spirit's pleasure.

Because we know from Philippians 1:20-21 that treasuring Christ as gain magnifies him, exalts him, worships him.

Conclusion- Application - Implications for Worship

1. The pursuit of joy in God is not optional. It is our highest duty if we indeed are to worship GOD.

Therefore I say to you that the basic attitude of worship on Sunday morning is not to come with your hands full to give to God, but with your hands empty, to receive from God.

And what you receive in worship is God, not entertainment. You ought to come hungry for God. Come saying,

Psalm 42:1 “As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.”

God is mightily honored when a people know that they will die of hunger and thirst unless they have **God**.

Recovering the rightness and absolute necessity of gaining our satisfaction in **God** will go a long way to restoring authenticity and power of **worship**.

2. Another effect of saying that the essence of worship is satisfaction in God is that worship becomes radically God-centered.

Nothing makes God more supreme and more central than when a people are utterly persuaded that nothing - not money or prestige or leisure or family or job or health or sports or toys or friends - nothing is going to bring satisfaction to their aching hearts besides God.

**This conviction breeds a
people who are seeking
after God on Sunday
morning as well as all
week long.**

They are not confused about why they are here. They do not see songs and prayers and sermons as mere traditions or mere duties.

They see them as means of getting to God or God getting to them for more of his fullness, which they want because God is gain.

Nothing keeps God at the center of worship like the Biblical conviction that the essence of worship is deep, heartfelt satisfaction in Him, and the conviction that the pursuit of that satisfaction is why we are together.

3. Finally, the last effect of saying that the soul of worship is being satisfied with God is that this accounts for why Paul makes all of life an expression of worship in:

Romans 12:1 “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies **{(continuously)} a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.”**

Our aim is to magnify God by enjoying him genuinely.

So would you pray with me that God would reveal to us in these next seven days, as never before, the preciousness of his love and the greatness of his mercy and power and wisdom.

Then when we come together he will be duly praised, because he is duly prized. And who knows what God might reveal to those among us, if we really, authentically prize God in their midst. If we really come, saying: "As a deer pants for the flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God."



Worship

In

Song

As We Go

As we go may Your Spirit

go before us

As we go may we follow

where You lead

May we live what we have learned,

share the message we have heard,

and be a light unto the world

as we go.

Benediction
&
Fellowship