

## **WORSHIP TOGETHER (MAY 27TH, 2018)**

### **PSALM 34:1-3**

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his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- 2 My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
let the humble hear and be glad.
- 3 Oh, magnify the Lord with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!

• **While God is not unaware, nor is He unconcerned, with our tastes and preferences, there is something far more important in worship than personal preference. There is a *greater thing*, a *greater reality*, which acts as a glue among the brethren and needs to be the focus of our worship. THAT GREATER REALITY IS GOD!**

### **THREE REALITIES ABOUT GOD THAT HOLD US TOGETHER:**

- 1) Something God \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) Something God \_\_\_\_\_.
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### **EPHESIANS 2:11-22, ESV (*what God has done*)**

#### **One in Christ**

11 Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— 12 remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility 15 by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, 16 and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. 17 And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. 22 In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

• **Christ died on the cross to save individual sinners, but there is also a larger, grander thing that was accomplished by the cross. Christ died to form a \_\_\_\_\_, to redeem a \_\_\_\_\_ for Himself.**

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### **PSALM 122:1**

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

### **HEBREWS 10:24-25**

24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

### **PSALM 34:3**

Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

**With regard to "what God has done," our primary motivation for wanting to be together on Sunday mornings is because we understand the significance of what God has done: He has formed a people!**

### **MATTHEW 16:17-19 (what God is doing)**

17 And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

**Having formed a people, God is now making that people (to use a wonderfully beautiful Biblical metaphor) into His beautiful bride.**

- When we worship together, we \_\_\_\_\_ to that larger work that God is doing.
- If we narrow worship down to what we do on Sunday mornings, then we will be greatly tempted to view it as \_\_\_\_\_.

### **REVELATION 5:13 (what God will do)**

13 And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

**God is in our midst now as we worship ...**

### **1 CORINTHIANS 3:5-9**

5 What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. 6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. 7 So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. 8 He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. 9 For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

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