



Membership Class #4: *What Is Covenant Renewal Worship?*

I. The Holiness of Congregational Worship

1 Corinthians 3

16 Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? 17 If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

1 Peter 2

4 As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, 5 you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1. The holiness of the Old Testament temple.

2. The holiness of the New Testament assembly for worship.

II. The Covenantal Nature of Worship

Nehemiah 9

1 Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the people of Israel were assembled with fasting and in sackcloth, and with earth on their heads. 2 And the Israelites separated themselves from all foreigners and stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers. 3 And they stood up in their place and read from the Book of the Law of the LORD their God for a quarter of the day; for another quarter of it they made confession and worshiped the LORD their God.

Exodus 24:3

Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do."

1. *Worship as God's restoration of us from covenant breaking.*

2. *Worship as God's equipping of us for covenant keeping.*

3. *Worship as both of the above, together.*

4. *Worship as communion with God.*

5. *Worship as communion with one another.*

III. The Evangelistic Impact of Worship

1. The Problem with the “Worship as Evangelism” Paradigm

Psalm 50:5

“Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

Psalm 30:4

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

Psalm 149:1

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!

2. The Evangelistic Impact of Covenant Renewal Worship

Psalm 9:11

Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples his deeds!

Psalm 18:49

For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations, and sing to your name. 50

Psalm 45:17

I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

IV. Distinctives of Resurrection’s Worship

1. Two Sunday Services

2. Singers and Musicians

3. Elder Leadership

4. The Westminster Confession of Faith

5. The Corporate “Amen”

6. The Modes of Preaching

7. The Modes of Celebrating the Lord’s Supper

8. Our Children in Worship