

What Needs Changing?

Introduction. Psalm 29:2 says, "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." Worship is the noblest effort of man, but man is rarely satisfied and is easily bored. "Bored" means "lacking interest in one's current activity." It is in the nature of man to change and experiment, and unfortunately this disposition works in the direction of worship. Because man becomes bored with worship, he seeks its change.

I. ***Bored With Order***

- A. Corinth did not know how to control the disorder of spontaneity (1 Corinthians 14:12).
- B. Pentecostalism shows the fallacy of loving spontaneity above content or divine control.
- C. Disorder and spontaneity are always indicative of a church on a spiritual decline.
- D. People become enamored with spontaneity and less concerned with content and order.

II. ***Bored With Sameness***

- A. Nadab and Abihu apparently became bored with sameness (Leviticus 10:1-2).
- B. There is danger in expecting a change of externals or order to change the heart.
- C. The gospel and the riches of His grace can never be boring (Colossians 2:1-3).
- D. The excitement of our conversion of heart can never leave us the same (John 3:3)!

III. ***Bored With Settings***

- A. The setting does not add anything to the spirit of faith in Jesus (Acts 2:46; 8:31; 16:13; 19:8-9; 20:8).
- B. What I bring in my heart and what I do with it from my heart determines my benefit.
- C. Oratory skill or incompetence will not add to nor diminish the glory of Christ in my heart (Ephesians 3:14-21; 4:15).
- D. With boredom in your heart, new settings will become boring again (Ecclesiastes 1:9)!

IV. ***Bored With Arrangements***

- A. Rearranging does not prove that our hearts have been better arranged (Hebrews 13:9)!

- B. Did you arrange your heart to sing and let it reflect your own thoughts (Ephesians 5:19)?
- C. Did you arrange your mind around the cross of Christ (Galatians 6:14)?
- D. Did you arrange your heart to meet God in the throne room of His grace (Hebrews 4:16)?

V. ***What Needs Changing?***

- A. More order as to how we prepare our hearts for worship (James 1:21).
- B. More effort in how we draw near to God in our hearts (Hebrews 10:22).
- C. Setting our hearts on what is above and on entering God's throne room (Colossians 3:2).
- D. Focusing on what God sees in us individually (Luke 16:15).

VI. ***Who Goes Away Justified?***

- A. The critic of structure, order or arrangement?
 - 1. ... Who leads brethren in the direction of the devil?
 - 2. ... Who contributes to unrest and division in a congregation (1 Corinthians 3:3)?
- B. The bored who has no personal vision of the greatness of God?
 - 1. ... Who leaves with his heart as empty as he came?
 - 2. ... Who can never grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus (2 Peter 3:18)?
- C. The worshiper of God in spirit and in truth?
 - 1. ... Who senses his own lowly condition by realizing his weakness and failings?
 - 2. ... Who senses his own desperate need of God's grace (Luke 18:9-14)?

Conclusion. Do you go away filled? There are aspects of our worship which may need determined work and practice, but we must be satisfied with His word and change ourselves if necessary. God Himself does not change (Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 13:8). Jeroboam thought he would change God's order but he committed a great sin (1 Kings 12:30-33).

The greatest change that you can make today is obedience to the gospel. The new birth will purify your heart and justify you before God. It can be yours through faith, repentance, confession and baptism. Come to the Lord today while we sing for your encouragement.