

# Church of the Valley What is Worship? Part 3

## The Essence of Worship—Positioned for Transformation

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### Foundational Scripture:

“A person is not a Jew who is one only outwardly, nor is circumcision merely outward and physical. No, a person is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code. Such a person’s praise is not from other people, but from God.”  
Romans 2:28-29 (NIV)

### Sermon Text: Philippians 3:3-4 (NIV)

“For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh—though I myself have reasons for such confidence.”

### WORSHIP IMPACTS OUR TRANSFORMATION:

#1. WORSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ US TO SERVE GOD.  
“... we who serve God by his Spirit...” Philippians 3:3 (NIV)

#2. WORSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ US TO BOAST IN CHRIST.  
“... who boast in Christ Jesus...” Philippians 3:3 (NIV)  
“Therefore I glory in Christ Jesus in my service to God.”  
Romans 15:17 (NIV)

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Ephesians 2:8-10 (NIV)

“To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: ‘Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’ But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said,

‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’ I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”  
Luke 18:9-14 (NIV)

#3. WORSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ US.  
“... who put no confidence in the flesh...” Philippians 3:3 (NIV)

“The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life.” John 6:63 (NIV)

“For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.”  
Romans 7:18 (NIV)

### LIFE QUESTIONS:

Where do you need to stop placing confidence in your flesh?

What does your praise, your giving of thanks, singing, praying, or giving financially say about the trust in your heart?

“God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.”  
Hebrews 6:10 (NIV)

“God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”  
John 4:24 (NIV)

### MEMORY VERSE FOR OCTOBER 2019

“I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.”

Psalms 116:1-2