## Worship: Exalting God Acts 17:22-34, John 4:19-26

- I. <u>Introduction: The Goal and Vision of GBC-SD</u>
- II. What is worship?
  - A. Worship is an expression of reverence and adoration directed to Deity. (Ps. 96:8-9, Ex. 20:3-5, 1 Cor. 14:26)
  - B. All men owe their Creator worship. (Ps. 95:6-7, Rom. 1:20-23, Matt. 4:8-10)
- III. Where is worship to be performed?
  - A. We are no longer to worship in a particular temple or mountain. (John 4:1-26, Zech. 14:8, Jer. 2:13, Is. 12:3, Acts 17:22-28)
  - B. God is Spirit, so those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and truth. (John 2:19-22, 11:25, 14:26)
- IV. Who regulates our worship?
  - A. God takes His worship seriously and has prescribed how He is to be worshipped. (Lev. 10:1-2, 2 Sam. 6:6, 1 Cor. 11:29, Is. 42:8, Heb. 9:1-15, 1 Pet. 2:5, Rev. 1:13)
  - B. What are the elements of New Covenant worship? (Acts 2:42, 1 Tim. 2:1, 4:13; 2 Tim. 4:2, Eph. 5:18-19, 1 Cor. 11:24, 16:2)
  - C. The day of God's public worship is to be on the Lord's Day. (Gen. 2:2, Ex. 20:11, Deut. 5, Mark 2:27, Rev. 1:10, Acts 20:7)
- V. <u>How should you worship God?</u>
  - A. Give God wholehearted devotion. (Ps. 103:1, 1 Pet. 1:8, 1 Tim. 2:8, Ps. 33:8)
  - B. Since worship is so important, you must prepare your heart. (1 Pet. 1:13)
- VI. Why should you worship?
  - A. You owe your Creator and Redeemer worship. (Rev. 4:11, 5:12, 21:22ff)
  - B. For the benefit of your own soul. (1 Peter 2:2, 2 Pet. 3:18)
- VII. <u>Conclusion / Application: Are You a True Worshipper?</u>