

Calvin Symposium on Worship 2009 D17

JESUS: OUR WORSHIP LEADER

A. A RHETORICAL QUESTION (Gal 3:3)

B. HOW GOD WORKS

Rom 8:26

Rom 12:2

1 Cor 15:10

2 Cor 3:5

Phil 2:12-13

Col 1:29

1 Thess 5:21-24

Titus 2:11-12

2 Thess 1:11

2 Thess 2:16-17

Heb 13:20-21

In a word:

C. WHY GOD WORKS THAT WAY

1 Pet 4:11

1 Cor 1:30-31

2 Cor 3:5

2 Cor 4:7

2 Cor 12:9

D. GOD'S GRACE FOR OUR WORSHIP

1. Three common misunderstandings

- a. Jesus is gone (but: Matt 28:20; Heb 13:5)

- b. Jesus is no longer a man (but: 1 Tim 2:5)
- c. Jesus is no longer a Priest (but: Heb 7:23-28; 8:1-2; 5:6; 6:20; 7:17)

2. The pattern of biblical worship: **REVELATION** ↓ and **RESPONSE** ↑

3. Hebrews 2:12

- a. 12a Christ's revelatory ministry (12a; Matt 11:27; John 1:14,18; John 17:26; Acts 1:1)

- b. 12b Christ's priestly ministry (12b; Heb 8:1-2; 10:19-22)

4. The dynamic of New Testament worship

5. Implications for our worship

a. The *presence* of Christ: He is here!

b. The *constant* of Christ: not form or style

c. The *excellence* of Christ

B. ALL OF GRACE! (Heb 13:15)

RESOURCES

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