

We're presented with a threefold proposition:

- Worship welcomes Kingdom power (Ch 2)
- Worship is for people (Ch 3)
- **Worship is the key to Evangelism (Ch 4)**

We've already said that worship is an opportunity for man to invite God's power and presence to move among those worshipping Him – that's where we draw our royal priesthood (authority regained through worship)

- Since worship is *for* people, it is also the key to *evangelism*.
- If God "moves in," then people should be drawn to Christ.
- Previously-unyielded hearts should sense the reality of His presence and open up to Him.

Worship is a pathway and an atmosphere, for the saved and unsaved alike, to discover:

- Their royal calling in Christ (rulership over your life through submission)
- Their high destiny in life (incredible plans for your life)
- Fullest personal worth (being the most useful you can be)
- Deepest human fulfillment (feeling the most fulfilled you can)

When Worship is warm, it provides the ideal setting for evangelistic results, touching on all the key tenets. Worship becomes an honest and humble, yet joyous and hopeful, acknowledgement of

- God's great *love* for us, verified in His Son Jesus (Eph 2:4-5)
- God's great *forgiveness*, ensuring his acceptance of us (Eph 1:3-6)
- God's great *purpose* in us, establishing worth and dignity (Eph 2:6-10)
- God's great *promises* to us, giving us confidence for tomorrow. (2Pet 1:4)

The warmth of God's presence invades worship. HE answers the hunger of earnest hearts and reveals Himself in personal, transforming, and fulfilling ways. The hungry and thirsty are filled as we seek Him in worship.

Who's invited?

Worship is not the privileged right of an approved membership. Worship services must be an open doorway, not a guarded fortress.

- Worship was never intended by God to be an occasion for proving one's expertise in religion, but to satisfy one's hunger and thirst for God. (shouldn't have to be "good" at worship)
- Services were never meant to be a weekly test of orthodoxy, but to open the door to refreshing by inspiration, insight, and blessing. (shouldn't have to do it "right," or like everyone else)
- As long as worship is focused on protecting God from "unworthy" participants, it can **NEVER** serve his purposes as a resource for incomplete and broken mankind to find completeness and wholeness in his presence. (We can't decide that someone isn't worthy for worship – b/c NONE of us are worthy)

Remember, worship was given *for people*. He gave it as a gift to us, as a means of drawing closer to Him. It is a means for man's *recovery, restoration, reviving, redemption, and refreshing*. God's *gift* is first. It is expressed *unto* him. (It is *for* man, but not *to* man.)

Summary:

- Worship was given to everyone as a privileged *resource*, not as a private *routine* for His scrutiny.
 - Worship is for the saved and unsaved to benefit from.
- The gathering of his people for worship is intended to be an occasion when hungry and searching souls find an atmosphere of warmth and acceptance.
 - This is the whole point of evangelism.
- Worshipping brings the highest sense of dignity that humanity can know, as the regal nature of His majesty flows downward and inward.
 - This is what the unsaved are missing by living without God.