Philippians 4:1-9

4 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

² I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

THE PURPOSE OF CHURCH is not to create a place for people to conveniently look upon God in a museum, but to be inspired to become like Him in desire, attitude and action.

"Christians are made, not born." Tertullian



Sermon Notes

UNCOMMON WORSHIP

beyond normal experience, unusual, in excess of what is expected

What you **PRAISE** - You **PURUSE**

What you worship you **BECOME**

I need to worship because ...

Worship **INSPIRES** Me

... without it I lose a sense of wonder and gratitude and plod through life with blinders on pursuing lesser gods.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? Psalm 8:3-4

Worship **STRENGTHENS** Me

... without it I can forget that I have a Big God beside me and live in fear and anxiety.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Phil 4:13

Worship **HUMBLES** Me

... my natural tendency is to be self-absorbed, arrogant, consumeroriented, independent, and proud.

Worship **CHANGES** Me

... without it I can forget His high calling and begin to decline into boring routines, convenience and security.