

The Idolatry of Worship

Hebrews 8:13-9:10

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1. Worship is only intended to point us to Christ and not be worshiped itself. (The Problem) v8:13
2. Worship is a vital part of faith as long as it is kept in its intended place. (The Corrective)
 - a. Christ's church has a rich tradition of where worship is held.
 - i. Christ has ordained a specific place for His people to worship. V.2
 - This place is set aside to enlighten
 - This place is set aside to nourish
 - This place is set aside as holy
 - This place is set aside as a place where God meets his people. V.3-4
 - We remember God's divine provision
 - We remember God's divine protection
 - we remember God's divine promises
 - We remember God's divine character and holiness v,5
 - ii. This place of worship does have a mystical quality to them.
 - b. Christ's church has a rich tradition of how worship is to be conducted
 - i. Some forms of worship are for edification.
 - ii. some forms of worship are for intercession and MUST remain holy. V,7
 - Holiness restricts who can lead.
 - Holiness restricts the frequency.
 - Holiness restricts the content.
 - c. But all of this only leads us to Christ and does NOT substitute for Christ. V,8
3. See and practice worship as God has intended. (The Follow-Through) v.9