

²³ Whatever you do, work heartily, *as for the Lord* and not for men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. *You are serving the Lord Christ.*

Supernatural Love is... (Christ in Us)

- Revealed in our speech (privately & corporately)
- Revealed by where we spend our money
- Revealed by giving our lives as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God!

Review Questions

1. How do you know the wind is blowing?
2. In general, how do you know you have the Holy Spirit?
3. How does the burnt & sin offerings picture Jesus?
4. How do we offer Jesus back to God formally & informally?
5. How is the flour & wine a picture of our lives?
6. With the burnt offering in mind, how do these offerings produce a pleasing aroma to God?
7. What does the oil picture for us?
8. How is the Holy Spirit revealed in our private speech?
9. How is the Holy Spirit revealed in our lives together as a church?
10. What effect does Christ's presence in us have on how we spend our money?
11. If we find that we are not living to glorify Jesus, what should we do?

In the Wilderness: The Book of Numbers

[#36 in Series] (Numbers 26–36) *A Heart Turned Towards the Inheritance: Part 6, Is the Love of Christ in You?* – Numbers 28-29

Sermon Outline – February 28, 2016

Children's Sermon: Are You Born Again?

- ❖ Do we have Jesus and/or the Holy Spirit in us?
- ❖ How do you know you are born again?

John 3:7–8

⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be *born again*.' ⁸ *The wind blows* where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. *So it is* with everyone who is *born of the Spirit*."

- ❖ How do we know when the wind is blowing?
- ❖ What kinds of things do you think will reveal that we have Jesus living in us?

John 4:23–24

²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father *in spirit and truth*, for *the Father is seeking such people to worship him*. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship *in spirit and truth*."

Notes:

Key Idea

Acceptable Worship (i.e. Worship that pleases God):
Jesus for us & Jesus in us.

Are We About Pleasing God? How?

Pictures of God's Pleasure

28:2 ... 'My offering, my food for my food offerings, my pleasing aroma, you shall be careful to offer to me *at its appointed time*.'

1. **God's Offerings** (Jesus for/Jesus in us)
2. **God's Time**

Key Question

How do we offer Jesus back to God?

With the Holy Spirit (How – By what means)

With Faith (How - In what manner)

With Jesus Saturated Formal & Informal Worship

Gospel-Centered Worship Replaces the Burnt Offering

(Confession, Substitution, Peace)

*Is the Love of Christ in Us?
Fine Flour (Mixed w/ Oil) & Wine*

Romans 12:1–2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to **present your bodies** as a **living sacrifice**, holy and **acceptable to God**, which is your **spiritual worship**.² Do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed by the renewal of your mind**, that by testing you may **discern what is the will of God**, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Key Idea

Since God has given Jesus for us & to us, we have everything we need to please God.

How does 'Jesus in Us' Work Out in Our Lives

(Answer: **Supernatural Love**)

Do we "speak" of Jesus with truth and love?

1 Thessalonians 2:4

⁴ but just as we have been approved by God to be **entrusted with the gospel**, so **we speak**, not to please man, but **to please God** *who tests our hearts*.

Hebrews 13:14–16

¹⁴ For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵ Through him then *let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise* to God, that is, **the fruit of lips** that **acknowledge his name**. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to *do good and to share what you have*, for **such sacrifices** are **pleasing to God**.

➤ Personal Speech...

➤ Corporate Speech... (Cf. John 13:35 – "if you have love...")

Ephesians 4:15–16

¹⁵ Rather, **speaking the truth in love**, we are to **grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ**,

¹⁶ *from whom the whole body, joined and held together* by every joint with which it is equipped, *when each part is working properly, makes the body grow* so that it **builds itself up in love**.

The Compelling Community: Where God's Power Makes a Church Attractive (9Marks) by Jamie Dunlop

"Supernatural forgiveness drives supernatural love."¹

"The Bible assumes that all Christians love one another deeply and sacrificially. It assumes that all Christians assemble regularly with one another. It assumes that all Christians encourage one another to fight for faith. It assumes that all Christians guard one another— through difficult conversations and sometimes through church discipline. In each case, the most basic level of commitment by a Christian to his church is surprisingly substantial."²

"All Christians are to be meaningfully and self-consciously committed to a particular body of believers, acting as providers rather than as consumers. And this behavior doesn't exist to indicate that they are mature Christians, but that they are Christians."³

❖ **Formal & Informal Commitment**⁴

1. Formal commitment serves as affirmation of informal commitment.
2. Formal commitment makes informal commitment visible.

Do We Give Money to Support Gospel Ministry?

Philippians 4:18

I have received full **payment**, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, **a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God**.

Do We Serve & Obey Jesus?

Colossians 3:20, 23–24

Children, **obey your parents** in everything, **for this pleases the Lord**. ...

¹ Dever, Mark; Dunlop, Jamie (2015-04-16). *The Compelling Community: Where God's Power Makes a Church Attractive* (9Marks) (p. 44). Crossway. Kindle Edition.

² Ibid. (pp. 57-58).

³ Ibid. (p. 60).

⁴ Ibid. (p. 62-63).