

**Lecture 9- Worship (17); Contextualization (18)**

*For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs so that the Gentiles may glorify God for his mercy, as it is written, 'Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing hymns to your name.' Again it says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.' And again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and sing praises to him, all you peoples.' And again, Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; the Gentiles will hope in him'.*

*-Romans 15:8-12*

*Since the divine Word is for all humanity, he is translated again in terms of every culture where he finds acceptance among its people.*

*-Walls, p.47*

**Key Terms**

Regulative principle; past & present; future generations; multiple cultures; "Asian faces of Jesus;" "Hispano-American Christs;" "Jesus in African culture;" conqueror; crucified

**Lecture Objectives**

- Briefly define the regulative principle and discuss how different cultural contexts and issues might impact its application.
- Describe the connection between present-day worship and the promised heavenly worship.
- List key implications of today's discussion upon your philosophy of worship.
- Outline your understanding of Jesus Christ's person and work and identify how one's Christology may be refined or deepened when seen in various contexts.
- Describe implications of today's discussion for how you might approach the Gospel ministry in your current cultural context.

**Worship**

*Dr. Mark Dalbey is the guest speaker on the topic of the regulative principle of worship.*

**I. Regulative Principle of Worship**

- A. What is the "Regulative Principle of Worship?" (RPW) (WCF 21-1; 1-6 and Book of Church Order chapter 47)
- B. The RPW and the application of the RPW in context
- C. "The richness of past expressions and the freshness of present expressions"
  1. Calvin's Geneva
  2. Franklin, TN and New York City
  3. Guadalajara, Mexico
  4. Ghana, West Africa
- D. The Gospel to future generations and multiple cultures
  1. Romans 15:8-12
- E. The ethnic richness of new covenant & heavenly worship
  1. Rev. 5:9-14; 7:9-10
  2. Biblical anticipation of the "new song"
- F. Connecting heavenly worship to present worshippers
  1. Stretch toward heavenly richness and diversity
  2. Express in body of Christ now in first fruits fashion
- G. Conclusion – Hebrews 2:10-11 & Psalm 22:22-31

**Contextualization**

I. Contextualization

*Dr. Jennings discusses contextualization before coming to the points below.*

- A. Asian faces of Jesus
- B. "The Hispano-American Christs"
- C. Jesus in African culture

*The topic of Contextualization is concluded in Lecture 10.*

See Appendix F for related articles.