

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP AT 11

Sunday June 3, 2018

Look at Titus 1:4-16 in your Bible! It is important to have leaders who can effectively preach God's Word. It is important to have leaders who can live out God's Words and be an example for others to follow. Beginning in verse 10, Paul is pointing out Judaizers! These were Jews who were teaching Gentiles had to become Jews before they could become Christians. Paul had to write letters to several churches to help them understand that Gentile believers did not have to become Jews first---God accepts anyone who comes to him in faith. Paul is also warning Titus to lookout for other false teachers-people who say they speak God's Word but whose lives are not consistent with it. Jesus and the apostles repeatedly warned against false teachers because their teaching attack the foundations of truth and integrity upon which the Christian faith is built. False teachers will focus more attention on themselves than on Christ; ask you to do something that will compromise or dilute your faith; de-emphasize the divine nature of Christ or the inspirations of the scriptures, or urge the church to make decisions based more on human judgment than on prayer and biblical guidelines.

SONGS:

Not to Us: Psalm 115:1 *Not to us, Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness.* The Psalmist asked that God's name alone be glorified. Too often we ask God to glorify his name with ours. For examples, we may pray for help to do a good job so that our work will be noticed. Or, we may ask that a presentation go well so we will get applause. There is nothing wrong with looking good or impressing others, the problem comes when we want to look good no matter what happens to God's reputation in the process. Your glory should be a by-product of seeking God's glory.

Sweetly Broken: Psalm 51:17 *It is a broken spirit you want—remorse and penitence. A broken and a contrite heart, O God, you will not ignore.* In Isaiah 1:12,13 the Lord says, *"Who wants your sacrifices when you have no sorrow for your sins?"* You can never

please God by outward actions, no matter how good, if your inward heart attitude is not right.

Draw Me Close: James 4:8 *Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts...* Here are ways to draw close to God: Give yourselves humbly to God; Realize that you need his forgiveness, and be willing to follow him. Resist the devil, don't allow him to entice and tempt you. Wash your hands (lead a pure life) let your hearts be filled with God; Be cleansed from sin, replacing it with God's purity. Let there be tears, sorrow and sincere grief for your sins; Don't be afraid to express deep heartfelt sorrow for them. Realize your worthlessness. Humble yourself before God and he will lift you up!

Enough: Psalm 68: 35 *You are awesome, O God in your sanctuary: the God of Israel gives power and strength to his people. Praise be to God!* We should feel an overwhelming sense of awe as we kneel before the Lord in his sanctuary. Surrounding us are countless signs of his wonderful power. Shining down upon us are countless signs of his majesty. Unlimited power and unspeakable majesty leave us breathless in his presence. When you catch your breath, praise the Lord!

**SEE YOU IN WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY!
BRING A FRIEND!**