

## It's Not About You

“For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” – Romans 4:2-3

We make statements that are saturated with self as if worship is all about us:

- “Why can’t we sing more of the songs that I like?”
- “I don’t think the preacher should talk about this or that!”
- “I can’t believe so-and-so didn’t talk to me today!”
- “No one ever notices what I do in the church.”

Here’s the problem: Worship isn’t about getting anything: it’s about giving everything to God! The above attitudes make us idle judges of activity rather than active participants in adoration toward a holy God. Christian consumerism defines the quality of our worship by the number of ministries for people, the size and quality of our buildings, the popularity of our ministers, the style of our music and an obvious determination to make people happy. One concern emerges as primary: “What have you done for me lately?”

Unfortunately, we still fall short of making everyone happy, and God is disgusted with our obvious worship of and preoccupation with ourselves. Our efforts to be seeker-sensitive and self-sensitive have made us insensitive to the Divine Presence who is to be the focus of our worship. Or, as the apostle Paul said, we have “exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator” (Rom. 1:25, NASB).

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