



The Flame

Issue 24 – September 16, 2015

from GCCN Prayer Ministries

Transformed by Truth, part 6

Waiting

*The Refrain: Silently now I wait for Thee, Ready my God, Thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

What is the most pressing need in the Church today?

Better music? More community appeal? More or better programs that meet needs of the many different groups in the Church?

None of the above! The greatest need in the Church is to discover the true depth of worship.

For the last five issues of *The Flame* we have taken time to look at the words of a wonderful old hymn that center on truth, but what those words reveal in the end is worship. Deep, rich, and transforming worship.

Worship and truth are intrinsically interlocked. One does not exist without the other. Worship is about Truth. Any form of worship that centers on us, on the community, on our needs or wants misses by a mile. Worship is centered on the God in Himself and only Himself truth has its origin.

John 4:24 reminds us that worship happens when we lay aside the interests of the “flesh” or things that are centered in human earthly interests. We worship in spirit and not inconsequentially, in the truth.

And the truth is that He alone is worthy of all honor, glory and praise. Worship is not about our need for healing, or our desire to experience fresh faith. It’s not even about the need of the lost to find new life in Christ. True worship will have a lot to say to all of us whatever the need may be, but worship has one focus and one alone. The God who is the Way, the *Truth* and the Life.

Take Your Next Step

Maybe that should read “Take the Biggest Step of Your Life.” Your prayer life is an expression and reflection of your relationship with God, so starting today, set aside your requests and wait. Entered His presence, center on Him, praise Him, thank Him, Worship Him. And wait silently and let Him reveal Himself and His will, His desires to you.

Only then can you know His heart and see the list of needs through His eyes instead of your own. Only then can those needs become a genuine part of your worship.