



2020 Theme: Delighting in Worship  
Psalm 100:3-5

### The Delight of Sacrifice 3/1/20

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When someone thinks that to develop a holy life he must always be alone with God, he is no longer of any use to others. This is like putting himself on a pedestal and isolating himself from the rest of society. Paul was a holy person, but wherever he went Jesus Christ was always allowed to help Himself to his life. Many of us are interested only in our own goals, and Jesus cannot help Himself to our lives. But if we are totally surrendered to Him, we have no goals of our own to serve. Paul said that he knew how to be a “doormat” without resenting it, because the motivation of his life was devotion to Jesus. We tend to be devoted, not to Jesus Christ, but to the things which allow us more spiritual freedom than total surrender to Him would allow. Freedom was not Paul’s motive at all. In fact, he stated, “I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren...” (Romans 9:3). Had Paul lost his ability to reason? Not at all! For someone who is in love, this is not an overstatement. And Paul was in love with Jesus Christ.

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### Family News and Notes

#### Prayer Requests

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- Jon Banks - friend of the Matthews - suffering with terminal cancer
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- Aaron's grandmother, Anita - struggling with COPD
- Sandra - continue praying for her and daughter's health issues
- Sarah Hadders' mom, Sherry – health issues
- Remember those who are battling cancer
  - Lora Watson - returning to Arizona for more treatment
  - Maggie Tope's teacher, Donna Smith
  - Mother in law of the Dew's daughter, Tracey Stall
  - Robert Bender's stepfather
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- Continue to remember those suffering chronic conditions:
  - Dale Szymanski – blood pressure issues
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