**The Message**

***Back to the Basics***

***Message 1: Going Public With My Praise***

**Pastor Chris Hall—September 26, 2021  
Sunday Morning 9:00/11:00**

**Acts 2:46-47 (NKJV)** 46So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, 47praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

**The early church was motivated by two things:**

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**Psalm 95:1-5 (MSG)** 1-2Come, let’s shout praises to God, raise the roof for the Rock who saved us! Let’s march into his presence singing praises, lifting the rafters with our hymns! 3-5And why? Because God is the best, High King over all the gods. In one hand he holds deep caves and caverns, in the other hand grasps the high mountains. He made Ocean—he owns it! His hands sculpted Earth!

**Worship is our public and private expression of thankfulness for God’s goodness. It’s our ability to declare the good news to God and to others.**

**Additional Notes: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Why Praise is Necessary in the Life of a Believer:**

1. **Praise reminds us of what is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Isaiah 25:1 (NIV)** Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago.

2. **Praise distinguishes between the arm of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the arm of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Joshua 5:13-15 (NIV)** 13Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, “Are you for us or for our enemies?” 14“Neither,” he replied, “but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come.” Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, “What message does my Lordhave for his servant?” 15The commander of the Lord’s army replied, “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy.” And Joshua did so.

3. **Praise is your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Acts 16:25-26 (NIV)** 25About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. 26Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone’s chains came loose.

**Psalm 42:11 (NIV)** Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

4. **Praise is your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**2 Chronicles 20:15 (NKJV)**And he said, “Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says the Lord to you: ‘Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle *is* not yours, but God’s.

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