

CrossWalk **notes**

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Looking Back at the Mess

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Why would I want to thank and praise God after 2020?

Praise doesn't merely _____ my joy, it _____ it.

¹ Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

² Sing to the Lord, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.

³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples. **Psalm 96:1-3, NIV**

Each moment I live is a new _____ of my song.

The love of Jesus is the _____ of my life.

Praise doesn't merely express my joy, it completes it.

⁴ For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
he is to be feared above all gods.

⁵ For all the gods of the nations are idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.

⁶ Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and glory are in his sanctuary. **Psalm 96:4-6, NIV**

What idol has God smashed in my life in 2020?

Without _____ I can't be happy = idol.

Only the _____ can fill the God sized hole in my life.

⁷ Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

⁸ Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come into his courts.

⁹ Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth.

¹⁰ Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns."
The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity. **Psalm 96:7-10, NIV**

Worship is giving _____ where credit is due.

God has everything under _____.

¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;
let the sea resound, and all that is in it.

¹² Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them;
let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

¹³ Let all creation rejoice before the Lord, for he comes,
he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples in his faithfulness. **Psalm 96:11-13, NIV**

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. **Romans 8:22-25, NIV**

God offers me _____ in the mess and redemption from it.

I will praise him as I look _____ to his plan's completion.

MEMORY VERSE

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My next step: Where I see a mess, God is working a perfect plan of his love. Each day I will engage in worship as I enjoy his grace and experience his plan.

What's your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.