

WHY DO WE WORSHIP?

We were created to worship God. Whether we are praising Him in an extravagant celebration of joy, a quiet expression of reverence and humility, or out of simple obedience to His voice, our worship is an outward expression of what's going on in the inward heart of mankind.

Worship has often been misunderstood as the musical prelude to the sermon, rather than the means by which we, as the people of God, invite the dominion of His Kingdom to be established on earth.

The purpose of our worship is to glorify, honor, praise, exalt, and please God. Our worship must show our adoration and loyalty to God for His grace in providing us with the way to escape the bondage of sin, so we can have the salvation He so much wants to give us.

HOW, WHEN and WHERE DO WE WORSHIP?

Since God is the object of our worship, He and He alone has the right to determine how we are to worship Him.

Worship is a time when we pay deep, sincere, awesome respect, love, and fear to the one who created us.

Our singing, praying, studying His word, giving, and communion are designed by God to bring us closer to Him and to cause us to think more like He thinks, thus becoming more like Him. James 4:8 tells us to, "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you."

Our worship not only honors and magnifies God, but it is also for our own edification and strength. Worship helps us develop a God-like and Christ-like character. We become like unto those we admire and worship. When we worship God, we tend to value what God values and gradually take on the characteristics and qualities of God, but never to His level.

To call ourselves children of God, we must be in a constant atmosphere of wanting to learn more and to learn we must be in community with others who are aspiring to draw closer to God.

Worship is built and based off coming together in community. We can believe, love and know God but we cannot grow in faith without joining together in community.

Jesus said: Matthew 18:20

For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst.”

The guide to worship is based in the beginning chapters of the Old Testament.

After giving the Ten Commandments, the Lord gave explicit directions to Moses about building a tabernacle of worship in which He would come to dwell among His people (Exodus 25:8, 9). The people spent a year at Sinai building the tabernacle according to God’s pattern and learning how to worship. God’s plan for His people’s redemption was to be realized through the priestly ministry of worship. In Christ, all believers have become a “royal priesthood” that we “may proclaim the praises of Him who called [us] out of the darkness unto His marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9).

But the command to worship did not stop there. We are to this day in covenant with God (promising our obedience to worship Him) and called to be His “chosen people.” Through Jesus Christ we have been adopted into his grace.

Psalm 84:10

For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand outside.
I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God
Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Psalm 99:5

Exalt the Lord our God
And worship at His footstool;
Holy is He.

Psalm 100:1-4

Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness;
Come before Him with joyful singing.
Know that the Lord Himself is God;
It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;

We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.
Enter His gates with thanksgiving
And His courts with praise

Isaiah 56:7

Even those I will bring to My holy mountain
And make them joyful in My house of prayer.
Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on My altar;
For My house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.”

Luke 4:8

Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.’”

Romans 12:1

Therefore, I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

Hebrews 10:24-25

24And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another-and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Revelation 14:7

and he said with a loud voice, “Fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters.”

**So, let us unite in love to praise our Lord
and Savior so we may grow together in our
Christian Maturity!**