

# Devine pattern of Acceptable Worship

# Adding to or taking away from the Lord's Word

Revelations 22:18-19

Deuteronomy 4:2, 12:32

Galatians 1:6-9

**Devine:** *relating to or proceeding directly from God.*

**Pattern:** *something designed or used as model.*

**Acceptable:** *in accordance with God's will.*

**Worship:** *the feeling or expression of reverence and adoration for diety.*

**John 4:24** *God is spirit and those who worship Him must worship him in spirit and truth.*

# Components of Worship

\*The Lord's Supper: Matthew 26:26-28

\*Singing: Col 3:16

\*Prayer: 1 Thess 5:16-18

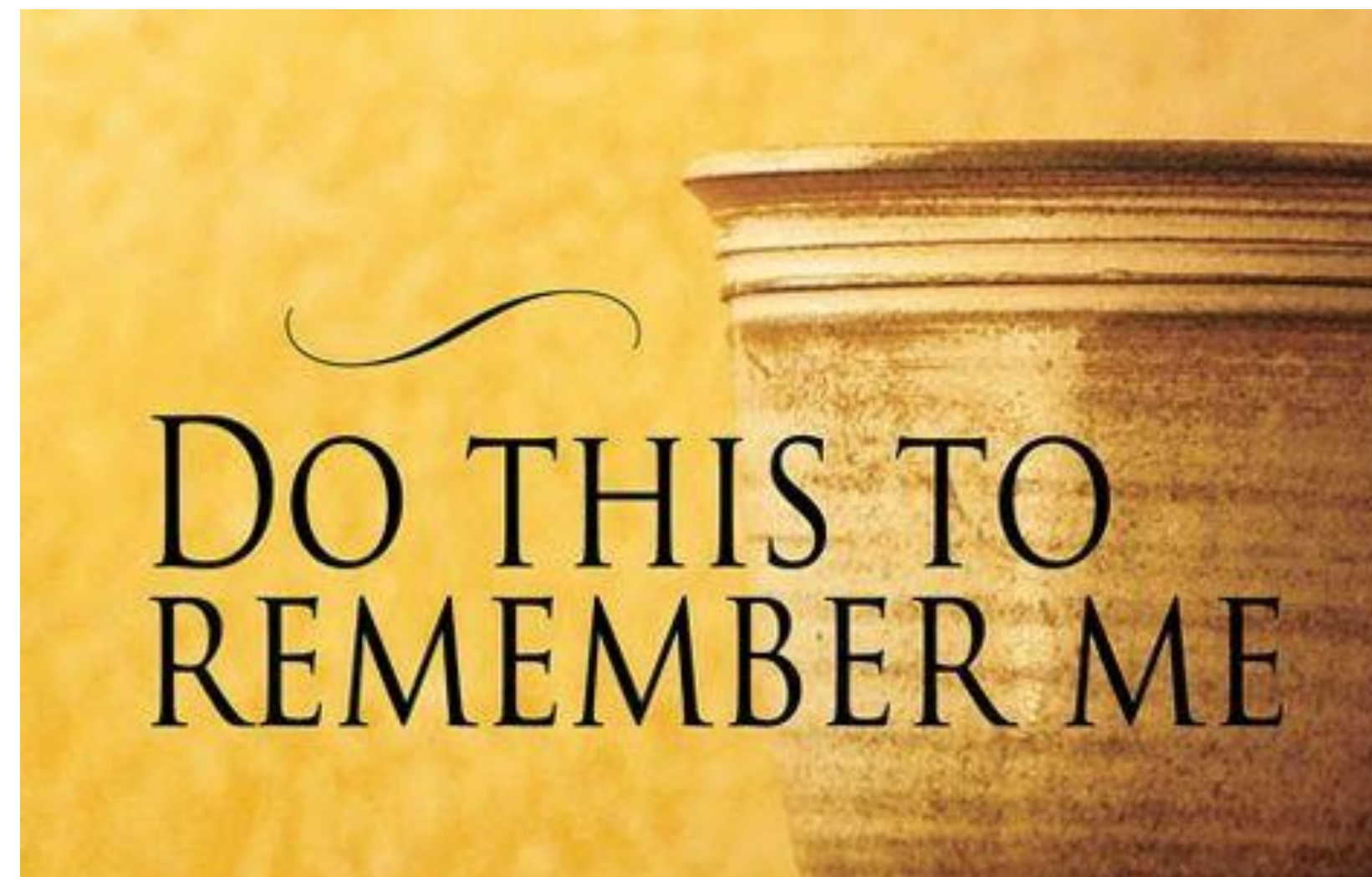
\*Giving: 1Cor. 16:1

\*Teaching: Col 3:16

# The Lords Supper

The components: Matt: 26:26-28

26 While they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing. He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said, “Take and eat, this is My body.” 27 And when he had taken a cup and given thanks, then gave it to them saying “Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.



# The Lords Supper

The components: The bread and the fruit of the vine.

Matt. 26:26-28

The communion is to take place the first day of the week.

Acts: 20:7

Some religions think that partaking only of the bread full fills the example with out drinking the fruit of the vine.

While another well known religion substitute water for the fruit of the vine.



# Singing

# Ephesians 5:18-20



# Singing

Singing is the conveyance of thoughts by means of word set to music.

We are authorized to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. We are not empowered to incorporate into our worship services nationalistic songs, cultural favorites, or other lyrics of the secular essence.



# Prayer

- Another feature of church worship is prayer.<sup>1</sup> Thess 5:16-18 “pray without ceasing”
- The prayer activity of the church must conform to the divine pattern.

## *The Lords Prayer*

Our Father who art in Heaven  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power  
and the glory, for ever and ever.

*Amen*

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- Men only should lead prayer in public worship. 1 Tim 2:8
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- Prayers in the assembly must be uttered intelligibly, so as to be heard. Mumbled prayers are no better than speaking in an unknown language.

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# **Using the Lord's Prayer as a pattern for our prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,**

- Invoke the sanctifying name of God
- Recognize God for who he is
- Praise him as our loving heavenly Father –
- Praise him for his holiness

**...your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

- Pray for God's will help you in whatever the pressing situations are
- Pray for the government and all who are in leadership – presidents and governors, local leaders, that they might be sensitive to God's kingdom agenda
- Pray for the church as the primary agents of God's kingdom that we might be faithful to our mission
- Pray for the spread of God's kingdom through mission work and personal evangelism
- Pray for the justice and peace that reflect the presence of God's kingdom – his reign
- Pray for people in your own circle of family and friends who need to welcome Jesus into their lives
- Pray for those who are struggling with health or other personal issues – that God's will would be done in the situation and that his kingdom would be advanced through it

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## **Give us today our daily bread.**

- Ask God to provide those things that you need to get through the day – food, water, home, finances
- Ask God to provide spiritual bread – a Word from him that would encourage you for the day
- give thanks for his provision

## **Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

- Examine your life and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal your own sinful attitudes and actions – seek God's forgiveness
- Thank God for the forgiveness that is ours through the cross and the resurrection of Christ Jesus
- Repent of the things which need to be forgiven –
- Pray for those who have sinned against you –  
forgive them and ask God to forgive them – whether or not those people recognize their need for forgiveness

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

- Ask God to get you and others through the tough times
- Pray for protection from all that is evil –
- Pray that your salvation would actually be made even more sure through the times of trial
- Pray for the safety of those in the hotspots (wars, earthquakes, famines, etc) around the world
- Ask God to protect the faith of those who are persecuted because of their faith in Christ



# Giving

God also has a pattern for church finance

- 1 Cor 16:2. “Upon the first day of the week let each one of you lay by him in store, as he has prospered.....



# Giving

- Christian giving is not an option; it is an obligation.
- giving is the only authorized method of financing the work of the church of Jesus Christ.
- giving for the support of the Lord's work is one of serious responsibility.
- we are not authorized to operate businesses, such as bingo parties and such.
- the kingdom of Christ is not a commercial enterprise.



# Teaching

There are also regulations for the church's teaching program.

- Both teaching and preaching is a form of Worship.
- The content of our teaching must be the scriptures.
- The pulpit is not a place to discuss political issues.
- In mixed worship services the men are to be the teachers.
- Assembly teaching should be plain, easy to understand.
- The teaching must be done by faithful men



# Conclusion

God has given us a pattern to worship Him.

Following God's pattern for acceptable worship is worthless if:

- We attend worship service for the wrong reasons.
- Hypocritical worship is meaningless.
- Egotism has no place in worship.