

Elements of Worship

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Attitude of Christian Worship

A. Worship is spiritual – comes from the heart.

1 Peter 2:4-5

⁴ And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God,

⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

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B. Draw near to God with a true heart – in full assurance of faith.

Hebrews 10:22-23

²² let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled *clean* from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;

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C. Worship must be offered to God with grace in our heart.

Colossians 3:17

¹⁷ Whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

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D. NT worship must come from the heart.

Ephesians 5:18-21

¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation,
but be filled with the Spirit,

¹⁹ **speaking to one another in psalms and hymns
and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with
your heart to the Lord;**

²⁰ **always giving thanks for all things in the name of
our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;**

²¹ and **be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.**

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E. Worship is about approaching God

1 Corinthians 11:1

¹ Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.

1 Thessalonians 2:14

¹⁴ For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea, for you also endured the same sufferings at the hands of your own countrymen, even as they *did* from the Jews,

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1. The Lord's Supper

A. The purpose of "The Lord's Supper" is to bring to our remembrance the sacrifice of the body and blood of Jesus on the cross for our sins.

Matthew 26:26-29

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, eat; **this is My body.**"

²⁷ And when He had taken a **cup** and given thanks, He gave *it* to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you;

²⁸ for this is **My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.**

²⁹ "But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."

1. The Lord's Supper

B. "The Lord's Supper" is between us and Jesus as the communion of the body and blood of Jesus Christ and reflecting inward as we examine ourselves and our relationship with the Lord while we remember the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for us.

1 Corinthians 10:16

¹⁶ Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ?

1. The Lord's Supper

C. Christians should partake of the communion in a worthy manner - 1 Cor. 11: 23-30

D. Christians are to partake of "The Lord's Supper" on the first day of every week.

Acts 20:7

⁷ On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul *began* talking to them, intending to leave the next day, and he prolonged his message until midnight.

2. Prayer

Congregational praying is to communicate with God and the whole congregation.

One man leads our prayer representing the people to God.

2. Prayer

A. God speaks to us through His Word.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

¹⁷ so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

2. Prayer

B. We speak to Him by praying through His Son Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:20

²⁰ always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;

Colossians 3:17

¹⁷ Whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

2. Prayer

C. The first disciples prayed when they met together.

Acts 2:42

⁴² They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

2. Prayer

D. As the Lord commands , so we do.

1 Timothy 2:1-6

¹ First of all, then, I urge that entreaties *and* prayers, petitions *and* thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men,

² for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.

³ This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,

⁴ who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

⁵ For there is one God, *and* one mediator also between God and men, *the* man Christ Jesus,

⁶ who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony *given* at the proper time.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

¹⁷ pray without ceasing;

3. Preaching and teaching God's Word

A. Those who teach and preach are required to speak as the oracles of God, meaning we are to speak as if He were the one who was talking. The Greek word for "oracles" means an utterance of God.

B. The teacher or preacher is one person communicating the will of God to the congregation. This is the only way that God has a voice through His word to us.

C. God speaking His will to us in the assembly.

3. Preaching and teaching God's Word

D. God has commanded us to teach His Word.

Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸ And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

¹⁹ "**Go** therefore and make disciples of all the **nations**, **baptizing** them in the name of the **Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit**,

²⁰ **teaching** them to observe all that I **commanded you**; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

3. Preaching and teaching God's Word

E. Both the saved and sinners need to be taught. Therefore, a lesson from the Bible is one of the acts of worship in which Christians are to engage.

John 6:63

⁶³ "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

Acts 2:42

⁴² They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

3. Preaching and teaching God's Word

F. We must learn God's Word so that we can grow stronger in Christ, teach others, and overcome false teachings.

1 Peter 2:1-3

¹ Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander,

² **like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,**

³ if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.

3. Preaching and teaching God's Word

2 Timothy 2:2

² The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, **entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.**

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2 Timothy 4:1-5

¹ I solemnly charge *you* in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom:

² **preach the word; be ready in season *and* out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.**

³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but *wanting* to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires,

⁴ and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.

⁵ But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

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Hebrews 5:12-14

¹² For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

¹³ For everyone who partakes *only* of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant.

¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

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1 Peter 3:15

¹⁵ but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always *being* ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;

4. Giving

A. Freewill offerings under the law of Moses were part of their worship. Our giving is not for God, rather it is for our fellow man.

B. Giving of our means is a part of our worship to God. This is the way Christ's church gets the necessary funds to do its work.

4. Giving

C. We are told who is to give.

D. We are told when to give.

E. We are also told how much to give.

1 Corinthians 16:1-2

¹ Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I directed the churches of Galatia, so do **you also**.

² On the **first day of every week** each one of you is to put aside and save, **as he may prosper**, so that no collections be made when I come.

4. Giving

F. We show our love for God when we give cheerfully and willingly to Him.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

⁶ Now this *I say*, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

⁷ Each one *must do* just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

5. Singing

A. We approach God through our singing. Our relationship with God and with each other is thereby strengthened and we are admonished and edified through it as a benefit.

Ephesians 5:19

¹⁹ speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;

5. Singing

B. Christians are commanded to praise God in song. The kind of music God commanded for His church is vocal music only, that is, singing.

Colossians 3:16

¹⁶ Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms *and* hymns *and* spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Warnings concerning Worship

A. Beware of False Teachers

2 John 1:9-11

⁹ Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son.

¹⁰ If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house, and do not give him a greeting;

¹¹ for the one who gives him a greeting participates in his evil deeds.

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B. Do not add or take away from the Word of God

Revelation 22:18-19

¹⁸ I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book;

¹⁹ and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.

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