

NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH
NEW MEMBER CLASS SESSION #3
WORSHIP

Worship involves expressions of God's true worth through song, oration, and fellowship.

The first priority of the redeemed is to worship the True and Living God. It is why we were created.

"Come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us give a joyous shout to the rock of our salvation! Let us come before Him with thanksgiving. Let us sing Him psalms of praise. For the LORD is a great God, the great King above all gods. He owns the depths of the earth, and even the mightiest mountains are His. The sea belongs to Him, for He made it. His hands formed the dry land, too. Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the LORD our maker, for He is our God. We are the people He watches over, the sheep under His care."-Ps. 95:1-6 (version?)

I. What is worship?

A. It is not...

1. _____. This is often focused on our needs.
2. _____. This is often focused on our blessings.
3. Listening to a _____.
4. _____ and _____ on the Bible, although it can lead to worship.
5. Necessarily _____, although it could be with the proper words sung in the proper spirit.

Merriam-Webster: Reverence offered a divine being or supernatural power; *also:* an act of expressing such reverence.

B. It is...

1. Rooted in the Hebrew word that means to _____ or _____.
2. The soul _____ itself in adoring contemplation of God.
3. The _____ experienced in acknowledgement to what He has done.
4. A humble _____ to the revelation to who God is.
5. A _____ of the recognition of His glorious presence.
6. Standing in _____ of the Creator of the universe.

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II. Who we worship

- A. "Exalt _____ and worship at His footstool; Holy is He." (Ps. 99:5)
 - B. Jesus said to worship the Lord our _____ and Him alone. (Matt. 4:10)
 - C. Jesus said we are to worship the _____. (Jn. 4:23)
 - D. We should worship _____. (Heb. 1:5,6; Phil. 2:10-11; Rev. 5:8-13). Contradiction?
 - E. We must be careful to not worship _____ of any kind, or any other entity or _____ being/object. (Acts 10:25,26; Rev. 22:8,9; Rom. 1:25)
- As a Christian, proper worship can only happen when our worship is offered to the *only* True God. To worship and not understand or have knowledge of the object of our worship is to worship in ignorance. This type of worship is unacceptable by Him. We worship God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

III. Why we worship

He is our Creator, Provider, Righteousness, the King of kings, our Salvation, our Peace just to name a few of the reasons why we worship. The people of Israel knew why they worshiped!

- A. Because of Who He is. (Ps. 95:1-5)
 - 1. He is the _____ of our salvation, the author and finisher of our faith.
 - 2. He is the _____ above all gods, the King of kings and Lord of lords.
 - 3. He is the _____ of the universe.
 - 4. He is Jehovah-
 - a. Jireh, the God who _____! (Gen. 22:14)
 - b. Rapha, the God who _____, in body and soul! (Ex. 15:26)
 - c. M'Kaddesh, the God who _____ and makes holy (Lev. 20:8; Ez. 37:28)
 - d. Shalom, the God our _____! (Jud. 6:24)
 - e. Rohi, the God our _____! (Ps. 23:1; 95:7)
- B. Because of what He has done for _____! (Deut. 7:5-9)
- C. Because we have been _____ to worship! (Matt. 4:10; Heb. 1:6)
- D. Because He is _____ true worshippers! (Jn. 4:23)

Although God desires obedience, service, prayer, praise, and thanksgiving, his supreme desire from us is worship.

IV. How we worship

A. On the ground of the _____ of Jesus Christ (Heb. 9:7, 14; 10:19). Worship of God can be done only through the One (Jesus) who expresses God's invisible nature.

B. In the beauty of _____ (Ps. 29:1, 2)

C. In (by) the _____ of God (Phil. 3:3)

D. In _____ (Jn. 4:24)

- Worshipping God in truth is in contrast to the inadequate and false worship of those who worshipped God as the god of that land.
- "And though they worshiped the LORD, they continued to follow the religious customs of the nations from which they came." - 2 Kings 17:33

E. As a _____ (Rom. 12:1)

F. _____ (Ps. 5:7; 138:2a)

G. _____ (Ps. 95:6; 132:7; Rev. 7:9-12)

"And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying 'Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen.'" - Rev. 7:11-12

V. Results of worship

A. The Father is _____ – He has found what he seeks. (Jn. 4:23)

B. The worshiper is _____. (Ps. 27:4; Ps. 16:11)

C. We are transformed into God's _____. (2 Cor. 3:18; Exodus 34:29; I Jn. 3:2)

D. We are emptied of _____ and our weakness and vileness is revealed. (Is. 6:5; Job 42:5, 6)