

WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO

What Does Worship Look Like?

John 4:23-24 (ESV) *²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."*

1. It is common to be concerned with the proper **form** of worship.
2. The right form will flow from the right **foundation**.
The purpose of salvation is not learning **information**; or modification of **behavior**; or **accomplishment** of feats; but **transformation** of life.

Romans 12:1-2 (ESV) *¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

3. The primary function of the Church is to **worship** God.

1. Why Worship? Psalm 107

1. Because we were lost but now we are found. 4-9

2. Because we were bound but now we are free. 10-16

3. Because we were confused but now we understand.
17-22

4. Because we were overwhelmed but now we have
peace. 23-32

2. What are the right attitudes and actions of Worship?

1. Attitudes Authenticity devotion

NEVER careless casual routine mundane
all of these are profane

Hebrews 12:28-29 (NLT2) ²⁸ *Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable, let us be thankful and please God by worshiping him with holy fear and awe.* ²⁹ *For our God is a devouring fire.*

a. Gratitude--Worship in thankfulness considering God's grace.

b. Sincerity—Pure hearted Col 3:22

Colossians 3:22 (ESV) ²² Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.

Example of Asa--Asa remained committed to the LORD his entire life 1 KINGS 15:14

c. Reverence—Fear of the Lord

d. Faith/expectancy—Believe in God and trust in His Word

e. humility—True worship results in accurate analysis of self

f. joy—The joy of salvation, the joy of communion, the joy of forgiveness

g. submission—The confidence in God and knowledge that His plans for me are good

2. Actions--Key is authenticity, intentionally, variety

a. sing – 9 times Bible says sing a new song

b. making music Psalm 150 **Psalm 150:1-6 (NLT)** ¹ Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heaven! ² Praise him for his mighty works; praise his unequalled greatness! ³ Praise him with a blast of the ram's horn; praise him with the lyre and harp! ⁴ Praise him with the tambourine and dancing; praise him with strings and flutes! ⁵ Praise him with a clash of cymbals; praise him with loud clanging cymbals. ⁶ Let everything that breathes sing praises to the LORD! Praise the LORD!

c. lifting of hands

Psalm 63:4 (NLT) ⁴ I will praise you as long as I live, lifting up my hands to you in prayer.

1 Timothy 2:8 (NLT) ⁸ In every place of worship, I want men to pray with holy hands lifted up to God, free from anger and controversy.

d. clapping of hands

Psalm 47:1 (ESV) *Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!*

e. shouting

f. dancing

Psalm 149:1-9 (NLT) ¹ *Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song. Sing his praises in the assembly of the faithful.* ² *O Israel, rejoice in your Maker. O people of Jerusalem, exult in your King.* ³ *Praise his name with dancing, accompanied by tambourine and harp.* ⁴ *For the LORD delights in his people; he crowns the humble with victory.* ⁵ *Let the faithful rejoice that he honors them. Let them sing for joy as they lie on their beds.* ⁶ *Let the praises of God be in their mouths, and a sharp sword in their hands—* ⁷ *to execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,* ⁸ *to bind their kings with shackles and their leaders with iron chains,* ⁹ *to execute the judgment written against them. This is the glorious privilege of his faithful ones. Praise the LORD!*

g. bowing down **Psalm 95:6 (NLT)** ⁶ *Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the LORD our maker,* 270 times in Old Testament

h. standing **Psalm 33:8 (NLT)** ⁸ *Let the whole world fear the LORD, and let everyone stand in awe of him.*

i. giving—our use of money expresses our values

3. Who is the focus of worship?

Zephaniah 1:5 (NLT) ⁵ *For they go up to their roofs and bow down to the sun, moon, and stars. They claim to follow the LORD, but then they worship*

Molech, too.

1 Kings 15:14 (NLT) ¹⁴ Although the pagan shrines were not removed, Asa's heart remained completely faithful to the LORD throughout his life.

1. Do not worship any human.
2. Do not worship any experience.
3. Do not worship an angel.
4. Worship God ONLY!!!

4. What happens when the church worships continually

1. We have fellowship with God.
2. Our spirit is refreshed.
3. Our joy is complete.
4. Our purpose is clarified.
5. Our hearts are united.

Restored

“Isn't it a comfort to worship a God we cannot exaggerate?” Francis Chan