

# The **WONDER** of **WORSHIP**

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## **The Five Acts Of Worship**

### **Introduction**

We have already seen that we are called to be a people of worship. In John 4:23-24 we are taught that our worship is to be done in spirit and in truth. With this in mind we have explored several aspects of worship:

- The essence of worship (God is at the center of it)
- The four types of worship (not everything called worship is pleasing or acceptable to God)
- Our spiritual and physical attitude regarding worship (it matters how we act and how we present ourselves)

This evening we will explore our finale aspect of worship by looking at what takes place when we worship.

### **I. What To Expect During The Worship Assembly**

- A. A great tract written by Allen Webster is “What To Expect When You Visit The Church of Christ” The tract is designed to familiarize a visitor with what will take place during the worship assembly.
- B. The Bible teaches that we are to assemble to worship:
  - Acts 20:7
  - 1 Corinthians 5:4; 11:17; 14:26; 16:2
  - James 2:2
  - In each of these passages an expectation of worship is present. It was the reason for them coming together.
- C. As we have seen in our previous studies, God wants us to be a people that worship. What takes place when we worship is not a secrete nor should it be confusing. In fact, the Bible makes it clear that our worship should be done decently and orderly: 1 Corinthians 14:40

### **II. Specific Acts Associated With Worship**

#### **1. Singing**

- Ephesians 5:19
- Colossians 3:16
- The Lord’s Church is to spend time in song to God. The melody is to be made in our heart, not on an instrument and the singing is to be vocal.

#### **2. Pray**

- 1 Thess. 5:17
- 1 John 5:14 (Ask God)
- Prayer is direct communication with God. When we pray he hears.

#### **3. Preaching / Teaching**

- 2 Timothy 3:16 / 4:2
- The body needs to be feed a steady diet of the Word of God: Acts 2:42 / Acts 20:7
- The way in which faith is developed and matured: Romans 10:14-17
- A weak pulpit with weak preaching will produce weak Christians!

#### **4. Give**

- 1 Corinthians 16:1-2
- 2 Corinthians 9:6-7
- In the NT it is always a free will offering. No bake sales, no car washes, no soliciting of non members for funds. The work of the Church is supported and funded by the church.
- If the membership doesn’t give the work must stop.

#### **5. Partake of the Lord’s Supper**

- Always on the first day of the week: Acts 20:7
- Done in accordance with the Lord’s Teaching: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (proclaim the Lord’s death till he comes)
- For those who are part of the Kingdom / Church: Matthews 26:29