

How The NT Church Worshipped

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Review

On each first day of the week, Christians should assemble to worship God in spirit and in truth.

The Means of Worship

True worship must be from our _____,
but is expressed through our _____.

Ps 84:2 ...my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

Ps 51:14-15 ...my tongue will sing of your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

Ps 95:6 Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

The Acts of Worship

Christians must do everything for “the glory of God.” 1 Cor 10:31
But, since we are commanded to assemble together to worship, we must ask what acts should be included in corporate assemblies.

NT teaching and examples of corporate worship assemblies

Acts 2:42

They devoted themselves to the apostle’s teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Acts 4:23,24

Peter and John went back to their own people (the church)... they raised their voices together in prayer to God.

Acts 20:7

*On the first day of the week we came together to break bread.
Paul preached to the people.*

1 Corinthians 11:17-30

²⁰When you come together... the Lord’s Supper...

²⁴...do this in remembrance of me.

²⁶For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

²⁸A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. ²⁹For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.

1 Corinthians 14:26-40

²⁶...When you come together...

⁴⁰...everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.

1 Corinthians 16:1,2

Now about the collection for God’s people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

Ephesians 5:19

Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and counsel one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

1 Timothy 2:1-15

¹I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone... ⁸I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer... ⁹I also want women to dress modestly, with decency, and propriety... appropriate for women who profess to worship God.

1 Timothy 4:13

...devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching.

_____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____

In a _____ and _____ way.

Some Thoughts On What Is Appropriate In Worship

God has given us very _____ directions.

What we call appropriate may have more to do with _____, than _____.

_____ are different, and _____ change.

Man multiplies _____ that result in _____ worship. *Matt 15:8,9*

The _____ is more important than the _____. *1 Cor 11-14*

We are to consider others _____ than ourselves. *Phil 2:3*

Worship of _____ must not become _____ for us.