

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ♦ Wilfred Derrick—aneurysm
- ♦ Jim Ward—dialysis; paralyzed on left side; hip surg. recovery

Others in Need

- ♦ Charles Compton—cancer
- ♦ Mary Lou Joseph—cancer
- ♦ Michael Hudson—stage 4 cancer
- ♦ Carol Kitzan—health problems
- ♦ Avis Majors—attacked by dog
- ♦ Jeff Mashburn—health problems
- ♦ Paul Mayo—chemotherapy
- ♦ Thad McCall—health problems
- ♦ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ♦ Audrey Murdock—broke 2 ribs
- ♦ Jeremy Parish—lost his grandmother, Frances Senn
- ♦ Shane Price—cancer
- ♦ Patty Ryan—hospice care
- ♦ Ronnie Wells—health problems

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- ♦ Christians overseas, Ukraine
- ♦ Government leaders, military, 1st responders, travelers, the lost, and our enemies.
- ♦ Brother Shahid in Pakistan has requested prayers because 3 regions of Pakistan have been greatly impacted by flooding.

To Our Visitors



We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

Events



- Sept. 28**
4th Wednesday Singing
- October 2-5**
Leonard St. Gospel Mtg.
- October 9-12**
Silverhill, AL Gospel Mtg.

Privileged to Serve



Announcements—Leo Derrick
Song Leading—Sunday—David Howze; Wednesday—Justin Derrick
Serving the Lord's Supper
 Head: Mark Howze; Helpers: Justin Derrick, Josh Lawson, Johnny Moss
Lord's Supper PM
 Head: Leo Derrick
 Helper: Justin Derrick
Scripture Reading—Braden Hilburn

Faithful Worship — **1) Praying** to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ (Luke 11:1-2; John 16:23; Eph. 5:20; Phil. 4:6); **2) Singing** without mechanical instruments (Matt. 26:30; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16-17; Heb. 2:12); **3) Preaching** God's Word (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:42; 20:7); **4) Giving** weekly as prospered, cheerfully (1 Cor. 16:1-2; 2 Cor. 9:7); **5) The Lord's Supper** on the first day of every week (Matt. 26:26-28; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:20-34; 16:2; Heb. 10:23-31).

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Meeting Times

Sundays:

10AM Bible Class
 11AM Worship
 6PM Worship

Wednesdays:

7PM Bible Class

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The Purpose of Worship

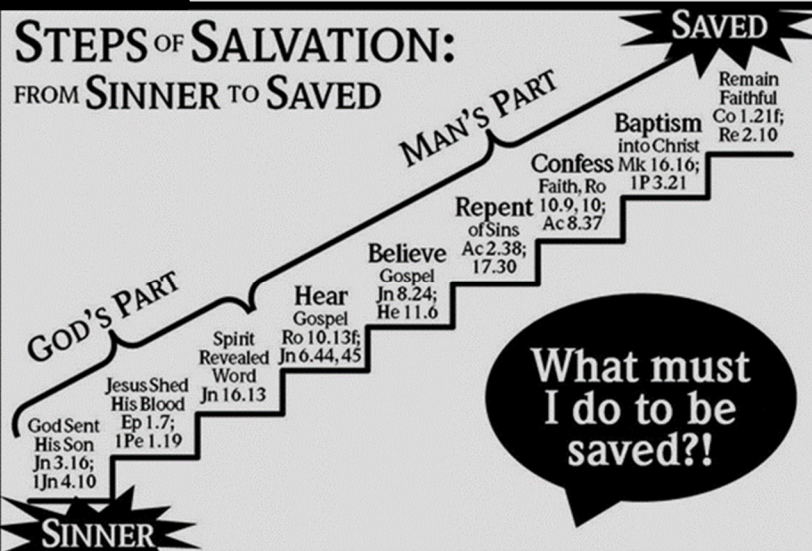
Bobby Liddell

Jesus said, "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve" (Matthew 4:10). The purpose of Christian worship is to give obeisance, pay homage, and show respect to God--with proper attitudes and actions which He has authorized. We must approach Him with the same attitude of those who lived under the Old Law: "Give unto the LORD the glory [due] unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness" (I Chronicles 16:29; cf. Psalms 29:2).

The God of heaven and earth is worthy of the Christian's worship, for worship means to bow the knee to one who is worthy; to kiss toward. "O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker" (Psalms 95:6). Properly understood, worship involves intent, attitude, action, and offering/sacrifice, all motivated by loving respect for the One worshiped, and guided by obedience to Him. Without understanding of that which worship involves, we can never fulfill the purpose of worship. Note what the Scriptures teach about worship to God.

STEPS OF SALVATION: FROM SINNER TO SAVED

"...ye were the servants of sin..."
 (Romans 6:17).



What must I do to be saved?!

"...but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Rom. 6:17b-18).

“For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name [is] Jealous, [is] a jealous God” (Exodus 34:14).

“But the LORD, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power and a stretched out arm, him shall ye fear, and him shall ye worship, and to him shall ye do sacrifice” (II Kings 17:36).

The purpose of worship is to offer such worship to God, Who has manifested His great power so wonderfully. Man should worship God alone, because of His greatness, majesty, power, glory, honor, and goodness. Nebuchadnezzar asked the three Hebrew youths, who refused to bow down and worship the image he had made, “Who [is] that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?” (Daniel 3:15).

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we [are] not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be [so], our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver [us] out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up (Daniel 3:16-18).

Thus, the purpose of worship is not to elevate other gods to equality with, or superiority to, the one true, living God (cf. Matthew. 6:24; Ephesians 4:6; I Thessalonians 1:9). “And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, [even] all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven” (Deuteronomy 4:19). “And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish” (Deuteronomy 8:19). “Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them” (Deuteronomy 11:16). “There shall no strange god be in thee; neither shalt thou worship any strange god” (Psalms 81:9). “And go not

after other gods to serve them, and to worship them, and provoke me not to anger with the works of your hands; and I will do you no hurt” (Jeremiah 25:6). Again, Jesus said: “But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshiper shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God [is] a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship [him] in spirit and in truth” (John 4:23-24).

True worshipers know the purpose of worship is to give reverence in praise to the true Object of Christian worship – God (Luke 4:8), offering obeisance in spirit; that is, from the heart, and in truth; that is, according to God’s Word (John 4:24; 17:17). Therefore, our worship must not be offered to any other one – or to any other thing (cf. Colossians 3:5). It should be our purpose to worship in spirit and in truth – not in vain (Matthew 15:9); not in ignorance (Acts 17:23), nor in accordance with our own wills (Colossians 2:23). True worshipers know God has determined what He will accept in worship (and surely, as Creator, has the right to do so), and has revealed what He has authorized true worshipers to do. Thus, worship of God, as shown by the Law of Christ (Galatians 6:2), the New Testament under which we live (Matthew 26:28; I Corinthians 11:25; II Corinthians 3:6; Hebrews 9:15), involves praise, adoration, bowing before, and honoring the sovereign God of the universe – in accordance with His divinely given directions. This is the purpose of worship.

Does man benefit from true worship? Surely; but Christian worship is God-centered; thus, our focus is upon offering reverential praise to Him—in the way He has prescribed. Therefore, the purpose of worship is NOT entertainment of man, and the worshiper’s intent should not be, “What can I get out of worship,” but “What can I put into worship that I may please my Maker, and praise, honor, and glorify Him in a way acceptable to Him?”

Just because something seems strange to you, that does not mean it should be rejected. Learn to think critically and be objective. It will help you in many ways, but especially when it comes to eternity. *“Prove (test) all things; hold fast that which is good”* (1 Thess. 5:21; cf. Hos. 8:12). —JPH