

A Lifestyle of Worship

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Romans 11:33-36; 12:1-2

Paul's appeal to the Roman Christians was to "present their bodies as a living sacrifice"

Sacrifice: (Greek - *thusia*) "primarily denotes 'the act of offering' ... 'that which is offered' ..."¹

Offer: "Literally, to bring to or before; hence to present for acceptance or rejection;..."²

❖ Jesus was our example

Ephesians 5:2 "And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."

Hebrews 9:14 "how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God."

Hebrews 10:9-10 "then [Jesus] added, 'Behold, I have come to do Your will.' He does away with the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."

Paul defined, practically, the meaning of true spiritual worship!

❖ True spiritual worship is seen in the lifestyles and behavior of God's people!

f We are not to be conformed to this world

📖 *Ephesians 4:17-32*

Colossians 2:8 "See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ."

f We are to be transformed by the renewal of our mind to have ...

... a new heart and a new desire to follow God's Word

Ezekiel 36:26

... a new ability to be led by God's Holy Spirit

Galatians 5:16-24

... a new perspective to consider others more significant than ourselves

Philippians 2:1-5

... a new desire to give financially to God's work

Philippians 4:18

... a new understanding of the necessity of prayer

Revelation 8:3

... a new ability to sincerely praise God!

Hebrews 13:5

f We are to discern God's will in all situations

♦ Jesus was our example when He said "...not My will, but Yours, be done." *Luke 22:42*

Ephesians 5:15-17 "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is."

James 4:13-15 “Come now, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit’—yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, ‘If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.’”

1 Peter 3:17 “For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.”

Psalm 119:9-16

f Knowing the Word of God is how we can discern the Will of God!

Romans 12:2 “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.”

Worship is a Lifestyle for the Christian!

Study Questions

Besides singing and worshipping in a corporate meeting, what is another aspect of our true spiritual worship?

Romans 12:1

List the 4 areas the early church devoted themselves to. *Acts 2:42*

List at least five other ways to worship the Lord. *1 Chronicles 16:23 - 29*

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____

Endnotes:

¹ Vine, W.E. *Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old & New Testament Words*. Nashville: T. Nelson Publishers, 1997.

² Webster, Noah. *American Dictionary of the English Language (1828 Facsimile Edition)*. San Francisco: Foundation for American Christian Education, 1989.

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