

# THE HEART OF WORSHIP

## INTRODUCTION:

1. Testimony - Sadie Fisher-Sadie Unbridled.
  - a) **In Amish religion they took you to the cross;** but that was it.
    - 1) Then from there, there were rules and regulations.
  - b) **But now through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit, they experienced \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.**
    - 1) **John 14:17**
    - 2) After conversion they would spend hours reading the Bible.
    - 3) And they would listen to praise and worship music.
  
2. AND SPECIFICALLY - The **FREEDOM TO WORSHIP**.
  - a) Sadie said that the first time she ever raised her hand to worship; she literally took her right hand over and lifted her **RIGHT HAND UP TO WORSHIP** the Lord.
  
3. Sadie said that because of true salvation, they could now truly **WORSHIP** the Lord.
  - a) **John 4:21 -24**

## I. WE GET TO WORSHIP

### A. THE MOTIVATION OF TRUE WORSHIP

1. **Romans 12:1**
  - a) **"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God,"**
    - 1) God's mercies include: Grace, Eternal life, the H.S. eternal presence.
    - 2) Strength, hope, patience, and eternal security.
  
2. The knowledge and understanding of these incredible gifts motivate us to pour forth **PRAISE** and \_\_\_\_\_ - **THAT'S WORSHIP!!!!!!**
  
3. **QUESTION:** What does it mean to praise God?
  - a) It means to praise, honor, or commend.
    - 1) It is to give thanks and honor to the one who is worthy of praise,
  - b) **Psalm 9:2**
  - c) **Psalm 18:3**
  
4. **Psalm 150:1 -6**

## B. THE MANNER OF TRUE WORSHIP

### 1. *Romans 12:1*

a) *"to present your bodies as a living sacrifice"*

2. To *"present"* our bodies means to give all of ourselves to God.

### 3. *Matthew 22:37-40*

4. Hymn - *"I have decided to follow Jesus"*

5. We are to *"give up control"* and turn our Minds, our Bodies, Soul, and Strength over to Jesus, just like a literal sacrifice was given totally over to God on the Altar.

### 6. How do we do that?

a) *Romans 12:2*

1) We worship God by the renewing and cleansing of our minds.

2) Not by emotions.

b) WE RENEW our minds with God's \_\_\_\_\_.

## C. THE MUSIC OF TRUE WORSHIP

1. PLEASE LISTEN UP: MUSIC IS NOT THE ORIGIN OF WORSHIP!!!!

a) YOUR HEART IS!!!!

2. Music is an expression of the HEART, that has been TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF THE MIND.

3. Worship - can include - PRAYER, Reading God's Word, Singing, Communion, and Serving others.

## II. WORSHIP IS RESERVED FOR GOD

### 1. Psalm 22 Turn to WOW!!!

a) This Psalm is a wonderful prophetic look @ the Crucifixion of Christ.

1) Vs 1-2

2) Vs 6-8 (The humiliation of Christ on the Cross)

3) Vs 13-18

b) To what purpose did Christ die?

1) Vs 22-23 WOW!!!

- c) What is to be our PROPER RESPONSE to the death of Christ on our behalf?
  - 1) PRAISE
  - 2) GLORIFY
  - 3) HOLY AWE
- d) WORSHIP IS THE ESSENCE OF THE MATTER
  - 1) Vs 25-27

2. **WOW!!!** THE ONLY RIGHTEOUS REPOSE TO THE SAVING DEATH OF CHRIST IS THE HEARTFELT EXPRESSION OF TRUE WORSHIP

3. The FOUNDATION OF WORSHIP IS REDEMPTION

### III. WHY DON'T WE WORSHIP

1. *John 4:23*

2. *Luke 19:10*

3. Why then do people NOT WORSHIP THE LORD.

a) Two Reasons:

- 1) They are either lost
- 2) Or, They are out of fellowship with the Lord

4. *1 John 3:1-10* - "The Reality of the new life in Christ"

### CONCLUSION: HOW TO MAINTAIN FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

1. Self-Examination

- a) Am I living in the Light?
  - 1) Confessing my sin!
  - 2) Loving the brethren!

b) *2 Corinthians 13:5*

2. Confession

a) *1 John 1:9*

3. Demonstrating God's Love

- a) Through service
- b) Biblical Integrity
- c) *John 13:34*

4. Trusting in Christ Alone

a) Not myself