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——— The Church God Can't Resist ———

Worships Together









Immerse





Grace Gives Back













God delights when we unite.

Gary Ferngren, Ph.D.

(historical survey published by Johns Hopkins University)

"The hospital was, in origin and conception, a distinctively Christian institution, rooted in Christian concepts of charity and philanthropy. There were no pre-Christian institutions in the ancient world that served the purpose that Christian hospitals were created to serve. ... None of the provisions for health care in classical times ... resembled hospitals as they developed in the late fourth century."

Ephesians 2:19-22

¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household, ²⁰ having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, ²² in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

Carrying God's presence impacts what we touch.

Being united in worship

- "When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up." - 1 Corinthians 14:26
- "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly...singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs..." - Colossians 3:16
- "...be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your hearts to the Lord;" - Ephesians 5:18b-19

Hell trembles as we unite.

Corporate worship is...

- not about me and God, it's about God and us.
- not a distraction from life, it's a **focus on God**.
- not an emotional response, it's a <u>heart</u> response.

"True worship doesn't keep looking at it's watch!"

NT Wright

(theologian)

What does the Bible say?

- Kneel down to honor
- Lift hands in praise and adoration
- Clapping
- Loud shouts of praise and triumph
- Declare his goodness
- Worship with musical instruments
- Sing praise with both your spirit and your mind
- Dance in a circle
- Rejoice with utter abandonment

"I would warn those who are cultured, quiet, self-possessed, poised and sophisticated, that if they are embarrassed in church when some happy Christian says "Amen!" they may actually be in need of some spiritual enlightenment. The worshiping saints of God in the body of Christ have often been a little bit noisy."

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