

What Is Worship?

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What does it mean to worship? Is worship just our weekly visit to church? Is it the music to start service? What does the Bible call worship? What did Jesus have to say about worship?

As we have heard said – we are not called to go to church; we are called to be the church. Church is not a building or a specific congregation; we are the church. All of us. And in worship is how we should live our lives. It is a lifestyle of serving, glorifying God, and reflecting His glory to others around us.

How Did Jesus Worship the Father?

Jesus calls us to worship God through our entire lives, not just on Sundays when we happen to go to a service, but all the time.

Main Scripture Reading: The Sermon on The Mount

Matthew Ch. 5 – Ch. 7

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Worship in Spirit and in Truth

In the Gospel of John (4:1-42) we are told about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan women at the well.

The woman, surprised that Jesus even spoke to her, told Jesus that "when the Messiah comes, he'll teach us everything we have to know." That is when Jesus said, "Me. I am the Messiah." Her response was to Jesus' words about worship:

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The original Greek word used in the Bible for "worship" is _____

It means to "encounter God and praise him."

How Did Jesus Define Worship?

Jesus makes clear throughout His teachings that our worship is reflected in honor, respect and obedience to God – in the Spirit of Christ. Once again, even when tempted by Satan, Jesus made clear:

"Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only'" ([Matthew 4:10](#)).

How Do We Worship God? We are to worship the Lord our God and serve nothing and no one else but Him. Worship Him with our whole lives, our whole beings, with everything we are.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these" ([Mark 12:30-31](#)).