

LIVE WITH PURPOSE—WORSHIP

Romans 12:1

Introduction

“Worship is the highest and noblest activity of which man, by the grace of God, is capable.”

—John Stott

Because of our relationship with Jesus, Christians LIVE WITH PURPOSE. 1 Corinthians 10:31 encourages us to glorify God in all we do. One of the ways we LIVE WITH PURPOSE is worship. But what is worship? Is it music? Is it a feeling? Is it something else? We come together to worship Him, understanding that our love and admiration for Him exists because He first loved us and chose us. The Holy Spirit prompts us to demonstrate our reverence and devotion through worship. We actively pursue a relationship with God, honoring His directive to worship Him. Our worship is motivated by God’s mercy, flows from a heart of faith, and is informed by God’s revelation. All of our life is to be offered in worship and is a way to LIVE WITH PURPOSE.

Outline

The appeal for a living sacrifice is only for God’s family.

God’s mercy ought to motivate us to live with purpose.

A living sacrifice requires complete dedication and is continual.

Only Jesus can make you holy and acceptable.

Spiritual worship proceeds from a heart of faith, a mind informed by truth, and a total surrender.

We don’t go to church to worship; we worship because we are the church.

Application

Is the appeal for you?

What still needs to be surrendered or repeated?

Is worship an event or the way you live?

Questions

1. What is God's mercy? Why should it motivate us?
2. Name some ways we present our bodies as a living sacrifice.
3. How does Jesus make us holy and acceptable? What's the difference between being set apart from the world and being set apart in the world?
4. What comes to mind when you think of worship? Why do you think people often refer to music as worship?
5. Why is it important to stop thinking of worship as an event? What does worship look like during the week?
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