



GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sunday Morning Sermon

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Introduction: What do you value the most? Each of us have our most treasured possessions. Man was created to worship. However, because of free will we are given a choice as to what or whom we worship. Jesus briefly explains the significance of this concept in **John 4:19-24**. Some people are confused about worship (**Acts 17**), therefore, we need to seek clarity about worship. . . .

Discussion:

I. The Authority for Worship

- A. Why should we worship God?
Matthew 4:10, Luke 4:8
- B. When should we worship God?
Acts 20:7, I Corinthians 16:1-2
- C. How should we worship God?
John 4:23-24, Philippians 3:3
- D. Where should we worship God?
Acts 2:42, Hebrews 10:24-25
- E. What should we do when we worship God?
I Corinthians 14:1-40, I Thessalonians 5:11

II. The Acts of Worship

- A. Weekly Meetings Include Prayer
I Timothy 2:1-2, James 5:16
- B. Weekly Meetings Include Reading
Acts 13:15, I Timothy 4:13
- C. Weekly Meetings Include Study
Ephesians 4:16, Colossians 4:16
- D. Weekly Meetings Include Singing
Ephesians 5:19, Colossians 3:16
- E. Weekly Meetings Include Communion
Acts 20:7, I Corinthians 11:20-31
- F. Weekly Meetings Include Giving
I Corinthians 16:1-2, II Corinthians 8:1-5; 9:7

III. The Attitudes of Worship

- A. There is Inspiration When We Worship God
Exodus 3:1-6, I Timothy 1:17
- B. There is Admonition When We Worship God
Exodus 20:1-6, 34:14
- C. There is Commendation When We Worship God
Psalms 29:1-2, Revelation 19:1
- D. There is Devotion When We Worship God
John 3:16, Hebrews 10:1-10
- E. There is Reflection When We Worship God
I Corinthians 11:28, James 4:8

Conclusion: I believe that I am a part of the Lord's church, the church of Christ (**Romans 16:16**), the one body which He died for and purchased with His own blood (**Acts 20:28, 22:16, Galatians 3:26-27, Hebrews 9:22, 10:22, 1 Peter 3:21**), but that is not why I worship God. Why do you worship God? What is your soul telling you to do? Will you give God your heart, soul, mind, and strength?

WORD OF THE DAY = "WORSHIP"