

Worship God

The Theology and Practice of Worship (Part Eight)

All of Life as Worship

With the coming of Jesus...

1. the outward forms of Old Covenant worship are fulfilled and have passed away...true worship is "*in spirit and truth*"
2. as our perfect, abiding High Priest, acceptable worship is a continuous activity in the context of everyday life

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1 Peter 2:4-5

"And coming to Him as a living stone, rejected by men but choice and precious in the sight of God, you also as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

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Romans 12:1-2

"I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual (reasonable) service of worship.

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."

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1. Presentation of your bodies

- the consecration of ourselves – physical body, mind, will, emotions
- everything we do with our bodies in conformity to God's will is acceptable worship
- the renewing of the mind is essential to living all of life as worship

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2. Examples of "worship"

➤ Romans 12-15

- using our gifts in serving one another
- maintaining love and forgiveness towards unbelievers
- expressing right relationships with ruling authorities
- avoiding immorality, drunkenness and strife
- accepting one another in love
- pleasing our neighbor for his good

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2. Examples of “worship”

- *Paul’s ministry (Rom. 15:16)*
 - the proclamation of the gospel that brings about the acceptance of the Gentiles

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3. Other examples of “worship”

- *Philippians*
 - sacrificial service of others (2:17)
 - financial giving for ministry (4:18)

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3. Other examples of “worship”

- *Hebrews (“acceptable service” – 12:28)*
 - hospitality to strangers (13:2)
 - remembering prisoners (13:3)
 - honoring marriage/marriage bed (13:4)
 - not loving money (contentment) (13:5)
 - praise of our lips (13:15)
 - doing good and sharing (13:16)