

# ***How are we Worshipping God?***

## **Text: 2 Corinthians 13:5-6 NASB 1995**

*<sup>5</sup> Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test? <sup>6</sup> But I trust that you will realize that we ourselves do not fail the test.*

Continuing from our lesson this morning on Pleasing God in Worship we need to shift our focus slightly to see How we're worshipping. From the passage above, we see the need for self-examination; most certainly we must examine how we are worshipping.

## **Romans 12:1-2 NASB 1995**

*<sup>1</sup> Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.*

Tying this back into the lesson from this morning, if we're not presenting our bodies as a living sacrifice, then we've missed the spiritual service of worship, thereby not worshipping in Spirit and in truth. We read of four types of worship in the New Testament. Let us examine ourselves as we look into these four types, and let us see where we are.

## ***True Worship***

### **John 4: 22-24 NASB 1995**

*<sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."*

## ***Self-Worship***

### **Colossians 2:20-23 NASB 1995**

*<sup>20</sup> If you have died with Christ to the elementary principles of the world, why, as if you were living in the world, do you submit yourself to decrees, such as, <sup>21</sup> "Do not handle, do not taste, do not touch!" <sup>22</sup> (which all refer to things destined to perish with use)—in accordance with the commandments and teachings of men? <sup>23</sup> These are matters which have, to be sure, the appearance of wisdom in self-made religion and self-abasement and severe treatment of the body, but are of no value against fleshly indulgence.*

### **Romans 1:24-25 NASB 1995**

*<sup>24</sup> Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. <sup>25</sup> For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.*

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## ***Ignorant Worship***

### **2 Timothy 2:20-23 NASB 1995**

<sup>20</sup> Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and some to honor and some to dishonor. <sup>21</sup> Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these things, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work. <sup>22</sup> Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. <sup>23</sup> But refuse foolish and ignorant speculations, knowing that they produce quarrels.

### **Acts 2:22-23 NASB 1995**

<sup>22</sup> “Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know—<sup>23</sup> this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.

## ***Vain Worship***

### **Mark 6:6-8 NASB 1995**

<sup>6</sup> And He said to them, “Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: ‘This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far away from Me. <sup>7</sup> ‘But in vain do they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the precepts of men.’<sup>8</sup> Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the tradition of men.”

### **Acts 14:14-15 NASB 1995**

<sup>14</sup> But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their robes and rushed out into the crowd, crying out <sup>15</sup> and saying, “Men, why are you doing these things? We are also men of the same nature as you, and preach the gospel to you that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them.

### **HEAR – Romans 10:17 KJV**

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

### **BELIEVE – Heb 11:6 KJV**

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

### **REPENT – Luke 13:3 KJV**

I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

### **CONFESS – Matt 10:32-33 KJV**

**32** Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

**33** But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

### **BE BAPTIZED – Acts 22:16 KJV**

And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

### **REMAIN FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH – Rev 2:10 KJV**

Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.