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“And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you...” (1 John 1:5)

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The Heart of Worship

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Bible Classes 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

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Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

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“Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart” (Ephesians 5:18-19). We are to “be filled” (controlled, influenced) by the Holy Spirit, which is manifested when we engage in scriptural worship, such as a cappella singing. “Making melody” (Gr. psallo) means “make music,” which pictures plucking the strings of an instrument. What is the specified instrument God commands us to use in the New Testament? Our hearts! Did you bring your instrument today for worship? It’s unscriptural without it! Let’s put our whole hearts into praising our Great God and enthusiastically encouraging one another in spiritual songs. The heart of worship is a matter of the heart.

Jesus said, *“The true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers” (John 4:23). Proper worship arises from man’s inner “spirit,” humbly glorifying God with a grateful heart, “giving thanks to His name” (Colossians 3:16). Without the right heart, our worship is “vain” (Mark 7:6f). The right “spirit” will be sure to follow “truth” of God’s prescribed acts in worship.*

So, Christians have the great privilege of worshipping the true God through Jesus Christ. We should make joyful music of the soul, loving God for all he has done for us (Acts 2:46). God is only boring to boring religious people! What attitudes motivate our hearts in worship?

Right Attitudes for Great Worship

1. **Faith.** The early Christians displayed attitudes of dedicated “belief” and thankful adoration to God (Acts 2:42-47). These believers in the Jerusalem church were devoted to God because their attitude of faith was based on trusting God’s plan of salvation through Jesus Christ (Romans 1:16-17). The attitude of faith in worship is directed by God’s revelation. “Faith comes by hearing the word of Christ” (Romans 10:17). We can only worship in faith, knowing what God wants us to do to please Him, by reading it out of Scripture.

2. **Love.** Love should fill our hearts and motivate uplifting worship. David, who had a great heart for worship said, *"I love you, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised..."* (Psalm 18:1-3). Worship is the loving adoration of our heavenly Father. In remembering the loving sacrifice of Christ in the Lord's Supper, we should grow to love Him ever more for His wonderful salvation from sin secured at the cross.

So, love is the great command behind everything we do in our worship and service to God (Mark 12:30). Loveless worship is dead worship. Love animates worship with a holy passion to honor the God we love.

3. **Joy.** *"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people... Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him"* (Romans 15:10-11). The Bible teaches we should have an attitude of exuberant joy in worship. The early, worshipful church had hearts filled with "gladness" (Acts 2:46). Do we bring this attitude to worship: "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord'" (Psalm 122:1)? So, we should give "cheerfully" (not grudgingly) because the Almighty God of the universe has given us so much, as He seeks to redeem and reclaim us for eternal fellowship (2 Corinthians 8:9; 9:7). "Rejoice in the Lord always" (Philippians 3:1).

4. **Reverence.** Also, the worshipful church in Acts had an attitude of "awe" (fear, reverence) in the presence of God's mighty works (Acts 2:43). Reverence is an essential attitude in approaching God (Ecclesiastes 5:1; 12:13). "Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the nations! Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, for Your righteous acts have been revealed" (Revelation 15:3-4; cf. Revelation 19:6). We must seek to please God first and not ourselves. Worship is about what God wants, not what we like. Reverence for God respects his choice in prescribing the authorized channels of worship. To illustrate, a preacher told of being in a couples' home in Texas on the husbands birthday. The wife gave her husband lace curtains for all the windows! She substituted what she wanted for what he wanted. Are you more concerned about giving God what He wants or imposing what you like?

Man cannot worship "in spirit" unless his spirit, in sincere awe, seeks to offer exactly what God wants in worship, as revealed in His word. God's approval rests on "a contrite spirit, who trembles at My word" (Isa. 66:2). The essence of reverence is the respect for God's authority to regulate our worship.

From the Old Testament, we learn a critical lesson about respecting divine authority from the presumptuous worship of Nadab and Abihu (Leviticus 10:1-2). These priests used "unauthorized fire" in burning incense in tabernacle worship. God struck them dead to make an example out of them: "By those who come near Me, I will be treated as holy, and before all the people I will be honored" (Leviticus 10:3). It's a grave mistake to throw up to God whatever we presume to offer in worship, just because we like it. This is not treating God with due respect.

Jesus ask, *"Why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not the things I say?"* (Luke 6:46).

Obedient worship, that respects the parameters of divine authority.

-via *Teaching Truth*, Madison, Alabama.



Am I Your Enemy?

Jimmy Pettigrew

"Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?" Galatians 4:16. Paul did not desire to become an enemy of these brethren he loved. Because he loved them, however, he told them what they needed to hear rather than what they wanted to hear. It is hard to know people's reactions when you speak the truth, the whole counsel of God. It may hit and hurt. We are to speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15); but we must speak the truth. It was Paul's duty to tell them the truth of God. It is the duty of every member of the body of Christ to present the truth even if it hurts, even to people who have itching ears. Too many people want soothing, deceitful messages instead of the truth (Isaiah 30:10).

We have been taught that preaching and teaching the oracles of God will make some enemies of the cross and of those who stand for the truth (Philippians 3:17-19).

In the words of Paul, "I am your enemy if I tell you the truth" that:

(1) **There is one true church.** This fact is seen in Paul's proclamation: He declared that there is "one body" (Ephesians 4:4). He affirmed that the body is "the church" (Ephesians 1:22-23).

(2) **That salvation is only in Christ's church.** All spiritual blessings are "in Christ" (Ephesians 1:3); forgiveness (Ephesians 1:7); redemption (Colossians 1:14); sonship (Galatians 3:26-27). the same process whereby one gets into Christ is the same way one gets into the body (church) of Christ (Galatians 3:26-27; 1 Corinthians 12:12-20; Ephesians 5:23).

Men need to hear the truth. Those who pervert the gospel are our enemies (Galatians 1:6-9). Error will not save; it condemns (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12).

-via *The Voice of Truth*; Green Bay, Wisconsin.

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A Battle Within

Stacy Crim

Uneasiness, trouble, anguish, confusion, and sorrow occur within the mind of the sinner. This is so because there is a battle that is raging within the recesses of our mind. It is a battle between the carnal mind and the spiritual mind. We desire to do what is good and right, but then we do that which is evil and our heartache begins again. It seems it is a never ending cycle. "For the good that I would, I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do." Romans 7:19. We understand that the carnal of thinking brings death and is enmity against God, but the spiritual mind is life and peace. It is "life and peace" that we long to achieve but that battle wages on (See Romans 8:1-10).

"Who shall deliver us from the body of death?"

(Romans 7:25) Our answer is Jesus Christ. Romans 8:1 "There is now no condemnation to them which are **in Christ Jesus...**" We must be "in Christ" and we must "walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." To win this battle we have to be "in Christ" and we have to walk after the Spirit. It takes every bit of our strength to win the battle within and conquer our desire to do that which is evil, but fight we must everyday.

-via *Living Bread*, Dover, Kentucky

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Gladys Johnson	Judy Vaughn
Anna Crabtree	Mot Dollar
Kim Rogers	Bobbie Adcock
Frances Bowers	Mot Beasley
Irene Mitchell	Gwen Bullock
Wynell Casteel	Morgan Barksdale
Jerry Taylor	Charles Burns
Matt Poff	Una King Carrier
Morgan Barksdale	David Hartsell
Ronald Harrison	Phillip Harwell
Abby Gilbert	Barbara Piper
Ava Brooke Cambell	Shelia Dunnivant Douglas

In The Hospital:

Dyral Allfreys, Athens-Limestone Hospital; room 314

Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

Beulah Pope, rm. 100	Matty Murray, rm. 60
Harvey Pope, rm. 100	Dorothy Draper, rm. 97
Robert Johnson, rm. 18	Grady Tomerlin, rm. 102

Limestone Health Facility:

Janet Berryhill, rm. 75-B	Albert Bowers, rm. 115-B
Albert Norton, rm. 36	J.D. Clanton, rm. 11E
Jack Cannon, rm. 112	Rosella Pugh, rm. 74

Limestone Lodge:

Yvonne Sherbert, rm. 29-E

Brookshire Healthcare - Huntsville:

Rachel Grubbs, rm. 112-C

Shut-In:

Reba Adams, at home
Lola Colwell, at home
Mary Ruth Gardner, at home
Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

LADIES BIBLE CLASS: The Ladies' Bible class meets on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 in the west wing auditorium. They are studying the books of "Proverbs". All the ladies that can are invited to be a part of this class.

MILITARY SERVICE: *Mitzi Carruth's* son-in-law, *Joel Smith*, is in Afghanistan serving the U. S. military. Keep him in your prayers.

OUT OF TOWN: *Jennifer Threet* has been out of town this past week... *Margaret Carter* and *Mitzi Carruth* are in Texas this week visiting with Mitzi's daughter... *Ida Nell Griffin* is away visiting with family in Kentucky and Ohio.

PREACHING AWAY: *Jordan Lovell* is preaching this week in a gospel meeting at the Hays Mill church. He will be preaching through Wednesday night.

SYMPATHY: We want to extend our deepest sympathy to *Barabra Allfrey* in the passing of her mother, *Mavis Griffin* on Thursday afternoon. The visitation will begin at 12:30 this afternoon followed by the funeral at 2:30 at the Carr-Erwin Funeral Home in Pulaski, Tennessee. Please remember this family in our prayers.

WORK GROUPS: Work Group one will be meeting this evening after our evening service. If you are in group one, remember to meet with your group tonight.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The *Hays Mill church* near Elkmont is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday evening. *Jordan Lvoell* will be preaching through Wednesday evening and *Jeff May* will be preaching Thursday and Friday evening... The *Jordan Park church* in Huntsville is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday evening. *Gerry Sandusky* will be the speaker... The *Somerville Road church* in Decatur is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday evening. *Ben Walker* will be the speaker.

THE RECORD: Attendance for Week of April 21st

Sunday: Bible Classes..... 115
Morning Worship 166
Evening Worship..... 120

Wednesday: Bible Classes..... 94

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, April 28th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Marty Adams
Song Leader Tommy Burns
Prayer Dwaine Allfrey
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Keith Hinkle
Assisting Marcus Morris
Serving Marvin Putman .. Tommy Coblentz
..... Nathaniel Adams... Danny Johnson
Closing Prayer Larry Mitchell

Evening Worship

Announcements Marty Adams
Song Leader Hunter Cox
Prayer Kenneth Smith
Preaching Song Service
Lord's Supper Keith Hinkle
Closing Prayer Joel Hamm

Other Assignments for Sunday, April 28th:

Usher Mot Dollar
Work Sound System Landon Adams

Wednesday, May 1st:

Song Leader Hunter Cox
Bible Reading..... Isaiah 66:1-13
..... Marion Mitchell
Prayer Dan Reed
Invitation Marty Adams
Closing Prayer Todd Williams

Sunday, May 5th:

Morning Worship

Announcements Jerry McGlocklin
Song Leader Tyler Cox
Prayer Keith Hinkle
Preaching David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding Larry Mitchell
Assisting Dwaine Allfrey
Serving Tommy Burns Keenon Currier
..... Kenneth Adams..... Harold Davis
Closing Prayer Norman Brown

Evening Worship

Announcements Jerry McGlocklin
Song Leader Marty Adams
Prayer Ronnie Locke
Preaching Jordan Lovell
Lord's Supper Larry Mitchell
Closing Prayer Hunter Cox

Other Assignments for Sunday, May 5th:

Usher Marvin Putman
Work Sound System Terry Andrews