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The Function of Worship In The Church

“And every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple complex, and broke bread from house to house. They ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added those being saved to them.”

Acts 2:46-47 (HCSB)

...**The most recognized and obvious act of worship is a church service.** In the twenty-first century, worship has a wider range of meaning than ever before. We're in the midst of rediscovering and redefining contemporary worship. **We have to be careful not to let genuine, heartfelt worship get lost in the glitz of popular entertainment.** This isn't to say contemporary approaches to worship are wrong or that you shouldn't try new things. You can have an authentic worship experience that's pleasing to God whether your pulpit is pine or Plexiglas. But the spirit of worship has to be there. Nothing about church today has been analyzed and changed and worried over as much as worship. However, true worship doesn't depend on form. **Worship is only possible in a disciple's heart. How we live for Christ and how He transforms us daily is the key to worship.** What we bring in is more central than what we leave with.

Effective worship meets the spiritual needs of believers while at the same time attracting and including unbelievers. It comes from the commands of God in Scripture and the grateful hearts of the redeemed, who long to come before the Lord to praise Him and acknowledge His presence in their lives. . .

Old Testament worship tended to focus on celebrating religious festivals, the ark of the covenant, sacrifices, and the Sabbath. **In the New Testament the emphasis clearly moves to a personal relationship with Christ and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, giving Christians a new dimension in worship. Amen.**

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18 – 20

