

— Romans 12.1-2 —  
Foundations Series 2  
**What Is Worship?**

Rom 12<sup>1</sup> I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

► Last week we saw that worship \_\_\_\_\_ up our proper response to the risen and reigning Christ, and the warfare Christ calls us to. From our text today we can see that worship also \_\_\_\_\_ up the Christian life.

► In the Greek and the Hebrew, the word for worship also means to \_\_\_\_\_.

► As modern evangelicals, we tend not to \_\_\_\_\_ much about biblical worship, because we don't see much about it in the NT. That's because most all of God's instruction and examples about worship are in the \_\_\_\_\_.

*1Pt 2<sup>5</sup> [Y]ou ... as living stones are being built up [as] a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

*Phil 2<sup>17</sup> I am being poured out as a drink offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith.*

► What is the main difference between OT and NT worship?

*Heb 10<sup>4</sup> [I]t is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins ... <sup>12</sup> But this Man [Jesus], after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God ... <sup>14</sup> For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.*

► What is worship? Here are seven things that worship is:

► 1) Worship is \_\_\_\_\_ at table with the living God through Christ.

*Mat 8<sup>11</sup> "I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven." [ESV]*

– God made the dinner table about a lot more than food; He also made it for \_\_\_\_\_.

When you think about it, fellowship is \_\_\_\_\_.

*Prov 15<sup>17</sup> Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a fatted calf with hatred ... <sup>17</sup> <sup>1</sup> Better is a dry morsel with quietness, than a house full of feasting with strife.*

*Jn 17<sup>3</sup> "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."*

– Fellowship is also food for \_\_\_\_\_.

*Lev 21<sup>6</sup> "[The priests] ... present the offerings by fire to the LORD, the food of their God"*

*Gen 8<sup>20</sup> And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. <sup>21</sup> And the LORD smelled a sweet savour [KJV]*

*Contrast Amos 5<sup>21</sup> "I despise your feast days, and I do not savor your sacred assemblies. <sup>22</sup> Though you offer Me burnt offerings ... I will not accept them"*

► 2) Worship is \_\_\_\_\_ to God for his love and grace.

*Eph 2<sup>4</sup> God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), <sup>6</sup> and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.*

*Heb 13<sup>15</sup> [B]y Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, ... giving thanks to His name.*

*Eph 5<sup>20</sup> giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ*

► 3) Worship is giving our whole \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

*Exo 29<sup>18</sup> And you shall burn the whole ram on he altar. It is a burnt offering to the LORD; it is a sweet aroma*

Rom 12<sup>1</sup> I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice ... to God, which is your reasonable service

– In Christ, God has given his whole \_\_\_\_\_ to us. Our only reasonable response is to give our whole \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

Jn 14<sup>16</sup> "I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—<sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth ... <sup>20</sup> At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you ... <sup>23</sup> If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him."

Eph 3<sup>19</sup> to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

► 4) Worship is \_\_\_\_\_ into the presence of God in Christ.

Judges 13<sup>16</sup> "[I]f you offer a burnt offering, you must offer it to the LORD." ... <sup>19</sup> So Manoah took the young goat ... and offered it upon the rock to the LORD ... <sup>20</sup> [And] it happened as the flame went up toward heaven from the altar—the Angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar! When Manoah and his wife saw this, they fell on their faces to the ground.

Heb 10<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, <sup>21</sup> and having a High Priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith

– What does Jesus do with the twelve just before his arrest?

– He meets with them in an \_\_\_\_\_ room and sits at table with them for Passover (Lk 22.12-14).

– He \_\_\_\_\_ their feet (Jn 13.3-10).

– He speaks the \_\_\_\_\_ of God to them (Jn 13.31-16.33).

– He intercedes for them in \_\_\_\_\_ (Jn 17).

– He has the Lord's \_\_\_\_\_ with them (Lk 22.19-20).

– They conclude with a \_\_\_\_\_, likely the last part of

Ps 118, about Messiah's \_\_\_\_\_.

– This is a general pattern we find in Scripture, and it is what we base our \_\_\_\_\_ on.

– Remember, Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ us just as he was with the twelve, except it is not bodily, but by the \_\_\_\_\_.

Mt 18<sup>20</sup> "Where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them"

► 5) Worship is God reaffirming his \_\_\_\_\_ love for us and us for him in Christ.

Eze 16<sup>8</sup> "I swore an oath to you and entered into a covenant with you, and you became Mine," says the Lord God.

Jer 1<sup>2</sup> Thus says the Lord: "I remember ... the love of your betrothal, when you went after Me in the wilderness ... <sup>3</sup> <sup>14</sup> Return, O backsliding children ... for I am married to you."

► 6) Worship is us taking on the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and serving him in Christ.

Rom 12<sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Rm 1<sup>5</sup> [thru Christ] we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith ... among all the nations (ESV)

Rm 16<sup>25</sup> [The] gospel ... <sup>26</sup> ... has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith (ESV)

► 7) Worship makes a \_\_\_\_\_.

E.g., Noah's worship in Gen 8 and Israel's worship in Josh 6.