

WHY SHOULD WE WORSHIP JESUS AS CHRISTIANS?

What is worship?

- *Romans 11:36–12:1 - "To him be the glory forever. Amen. I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship."*
- Worship is...
 - who/what we live for (what's your highest priority?) and how we live (who/what do you make the biggest sacrifices for?)
- Worship is not...
 - just a musical style, religious issue, something that happens in a church building, or something that starts and stops.
 - *1 Cor. 6:20 and 10:31 - "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."*
- Questions to ask yourself:
 - Who or what do I make sacrifices for? Who or what is most important to me? If I could have any thing or experience I wanted, what would that be? Who or what makes me the most happy? What is the one person or thing I could not live without? What do I spend my money on? Who or what do I devote my time to?

How is everything a worship issue?

- The 10 Commandments (Exodus 20)
 - I. You shall have no other gods before me. II. You shall not make idols. III. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain. IV. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. V. Honor your father and your mother. VI. You shall not murder. VII. You shall not commit adultery. VIII. You shall not steal. IX. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. X. You shall not covet your neighbor's house, your neighbor's wife, or anything that is his.*
- Martin Luther said if we obey the first two, we won't break the others.

Who worshipped Jesus when he walked the earth?

1. Magi (Matthew 2:11), 2. Blind man (John 9:38), 3. Previously demonized man (Mark 5:6), 4. Thomas the doubter (John 20:28), 5. Best friend John (Isaiah 6:1–5 cf. John 12:41; Revelation 1:17–18), 6. All of the disciples (Matthew 14:33; 28:17), 7. A group of women (Matthew 28:8–9), 8. The mother of James and John (Matthew 20:20), 9. Samaritans (John 4), 10. Angels (Hebrews 1:6), 11. Entire churches (1 Corinthians 1:2), 12. His own mother (Acts 1:14), 13. His brothers (Acts 1:14; James, Jude), 14. Little children (Matthew 21:14–16 cf. Psalm 8:2), 15. Former enemies such as Paul (Romans 9:5; Colossians 1:15; 2:9; Titus 2:13)

What happens if we don't worship Jesus?

- *Romans 1:25-28, 32 - They exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women*

and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error...God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

How is worship war?

- Matthew 4:8-10 - The devil took him [Jesus Christ] to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written," 'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'"

What is Jesus like in glory?

- Isaiah 6:1–5 - In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"
- John 12:41 - Isaiah said these things because he saw his [Jesus] glory and spoke of him.

What is Christian worship?

- Hebrews 13:15–16 - Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.
- Preaching, Baptism, Communion, Singing, Praying, Serving

How do we worship with our wealth?

- Matthew 6:24 - "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."
- Philippians 4:18 - I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.
- 3 Ways to Live Life: 1. Selfish - What's mine is mine, 2. Stealing - What's yours is mine, 3. Stewarding - What's mine is His

How do we become like who we worship?

- Genesis 1:27 - God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.