

5 Acts of Worship

God in a box?

- Idea seems preposterous
- “Box” implies finite parameters on a Infinite Being
- Assumption is that surely God could never be explained or defined by parameters
- Infinite Being explaining Himself to a Finite one with parameters He himself has set

The God of Boxes

- One sanctified Nation of His people (Jews)
- Sanctuary for One Nation
- Tabernacle for One Tribe (Levi's)
- Room for One man's Lineage (Aaron's)
 - (Holy of Holies)
- Box that no man was allowed to open (Ark)
- Concept of "Fellowship" is based on parameters
- Sin means "Separation" from God

Who put God in a box?

- Can God build a box that He cannot work outside of?
 - Yes, He did.
 - No, He won't.
- Why do people say, “Do not put God in a box” when you try to explain His “Way”?
 - I.e.. Miracles, Baptism
- Perhaps to allow room to do things “another” way, therefore not “confining” God to do things a “certain” way.

When Men put God in a Box

- Problem comes when men put parameters on God and say it is His Box
- It becomes a tradition or a perversion
- When we evaluate through man's eye we fail to see God's point of view
- When we evaluate by merely external observations we fail to see the spiritual meaning
- Angers God, creates vain unacceptable worship

Acts of Worship for Christ's Church

- Worship is deeper than 5 simple outward acts
- There is more to the church than "Worship Services"
- Service to God is different than worship to God
- You must serve Him to worship Him

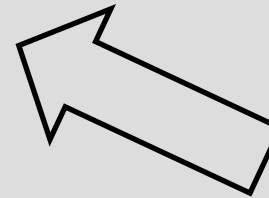
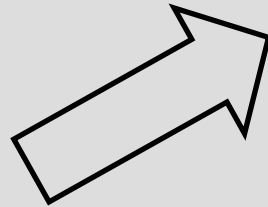
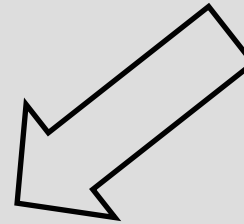
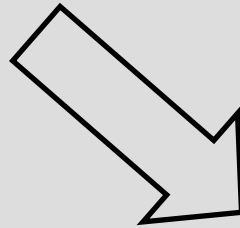


Christ's Church

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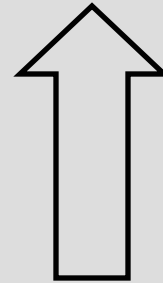
Preaching

Praying



Lord's Supper

Giving



Singing

Worship – adore, bow before

- 5 acts of worship is a pattern of the NT that may be found through study of the Bible
- It is provided through example of NT churches in the 1st century
- It is a simple pattern
- It is not an empty pattern of rituals

Worship is deeper than 5 simple outward acts (-ing of Worship)

- Appreciating
- Learning
- Submitting
- Committing
- Remembering
- Living
- Dying
- Forgiving

Appreciating (Song & Prayer)

- Psalm 66
 - Joyful shout
 - Honor His name
 - Make praise glorious
 - Praise for His works
 - Awesome doing to sons of men

Learning (Singing & Preaching)

- Colossians 1:9-14
 - Filled with the knowledge of His will
 - ALL wisdom and spiritual understanding
- Hearing (not listening) Heb 5:11-12
 - The counterpart of preaching/teaching
- Submitting James 4:7-10
 - Submit, draw near, humble self

Committing

- Jonah 1:16, 2:4-7
 - Offered sacrifice and made vows
 - I will look again to your holy temple
- Psalm 66:13
 - I will go to your house with burnt offerings
 - I will pay my vows

Remembering (Communion)

- Death
 - Of Jesus
 - Our Mortified flesh (dying)
- Body
 - “This is My body”, HE is with us (Luke 22:18)
 - Broken on the cross
 - We are all members of His body (I Cor 10:14-17)
- Blood
 - Shed blood for remission of sins
 - New Covenant through the blood
- Resurrection of Jesus
 - Living

There is more to the church than “Worship Services”

- Magic of Religion
 - Being confirmed, ordained, orthodox (i.e. being Catholic)
 - Being in a Holy Place (i.e. a cathedral)
 - Going to ‘church’ – being here does not sanctify you
 - Taking the Communion does not sanctify you

There is more to the church than “Worship Services”

- “Worship Services” is not a scriptural phrase
- You cannot live Worldly and worship God in spirit
- You may follow the outward practices of ‘truth’, but miss the spirit
- Worship requires Pure: hearts, minds, and bodies
- If the only thing you do with Christians is Worship what part of the body are you?

Service to God is different than Worship to God

- Worship and Serve God only
 - Duet. 4:19, 8:19, 11:16
 - Luke 4:8
 - Romans 1:25
- Serve God
 - Hebrews 9:14 purged us to serve Him
 - Luke 16:13 cannot serve 2 masters
- Worship
 - John 4:23 Father is seeking worshippers
 - Phil 3:3 We are the circumcision that worship God in the spirit

You must serve Him to worship Him

- I Timothy 2:8 men pray with 'Holy' hands
- I Samuel 15:22-23, 16:7, Obedience is better than sacrifice
- More emphasis in the NT to serve Christ than to sacrifice to Him
- READ I Corinthians chapters 10-14
- How to conduct yourself in the "House of God" I Timothy 3:15

Traditions

- Communion has been miniaturized/convenientized
- Preaching is overemphasized/singularized/idolized
- Prayers are 'cookie cutter' and without spirit
- Giving is mandatory (weekly) at the expense of voluntary/liberal/purposed
- Singing has been beautified for the hearers and the glory of the song leaders

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