

HIRAM CHURCH OF CHRIST

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LARGE ENOUGH TO SERVE YOU AND SMALL ENOUGH TO KNOW YOU

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"If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen."

1 Peter 4:11

"Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you." Romans 16:16

FIRST CENTURY CHURCH IN THE 21ST CENTURY

MINISTER: MELVIN J. BRYANT II

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements: Matt Johnson

Opening Prayer: Matt Johnson

Song Leader: Kwame Abdul

Second Prayer: Elmon Carty

Lord's Table: Clarence Proctor
Melvin J Bryant III

Message: Melvin J. Bryant II

Closing Prayer: Jeff Kirkland

Attendance

Morning Hour: 22





Bible Class: 26

Worship: 30

Wednesday: 16

Contribution: \$1429.00

Weekly Service Times

	The Morning Hour	9:00am
	Bible Class	10:00am
	Morning Worship	11:00am
	Wed. Evening Bible Classes	7:30pm

The Morning Hour

- Announcements
- Prayer
- Song
- 25 Minute Study - Rightly Dividing
- Card Writing/Mail Outs
- Prepare for 10:00am Bible Class

Missions: India & Childhaven

PLAN OF SALVATION

- ★ Taught by God - John 6:45
- ★ Believe - John 8:24
- ★ Repent - Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30
(Repentance entails counting the cost)
- ★ Confess - Matthew 10:32-33
- ★ Be Baptized - Matthew 28:18-20
- ★ Live a FAITHFUL life until death - Revelation 2:10

Four Types of Worship

1. **True Worship** (John 4:24)
2. Ignorant Worship (Acts 17:22-23)
3. Vain Worship (Mark 7:1-20)
4. Will Worship (Colossians 2:20-23)



WHAT IF WE BEGAN TO TREAT OUR BIBLES THE WAY WE TREATED OUR CELL PHONES?

WHAT IF WE...

...carried it with us everywhere?

...turn back to get it if we forgot it?

...checked it for messages throughout the day?

...used it in case of emergencies?

...spend an hour or more each day using it?



What would our lives look like?

ONGOING HEALTH ISSUES

Lea Overton (Jeff's mother), Sebastian and Erica Suarez, Ron McCurry (shut in-visits requested), Amy Brown, Polly Tunstall (Amy's mother), Ann Phillips, Harold and Dean Reeves, Potts/Williams family, Kilwonia Chandler, Barbara Helton, Vera Patrick, Mary Troup, Joanie Saporito, Charlie Griffin, Patty Dale, Daniel Welker (kidney transplant), Al Gattis (COPD), Shirley Glosson (radiation), Ben Westbrooks (leukemia)

PRAYER REQUESTS

(JAMES 5:16)

- ▶ **Brad and Doranda** are in need of prayer as they prepare to relocate.
- ▶ **Carolyn** recently fractured her tibia. The doctor wanted her to use a wheelchair or walker, but she has been hobbling around with them. She has been going through other health issues as well. Please keep her in your prayers.
- ▶ **Mrs. Joanie** has not been feeling well lately. Please keep her in your prayers.
- ▶ **Mary Troup** had mouth surgery and is in need of our prayers.
- ▶ **Ann Phillips** is still in need of prayer.
- ▶ **Ron McCurry** has requested prayers for his son in law, Tommy. He goes in a few weeks to see if he still has fluid in his pancreas, if he does the doctors will put a stint in his colon, which will have him in the hospital 7-10 days.
- ▶ **Traci Bryant's** uncle passed away. Let us keep the Molden family in our prayers.
- ▶ **Erica** is in need of prayer for her overall health. She appreciates the calls and prayers.
- ▶ **Mary Brock** has requested prayers for her daughters.

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & NEWS

✓ **March Birthdays**

Becky - 15th
Erica - 23rd
Patty - 29th

✓ **Local Church News.**

Lithia Spring Church of Christ is having their Gospel Meeting from March 17-21 with Bro. Eric Garner, minister for the Avondale Church of Christ in Chattanooga, Tn.

✓ **Traveling.**

Becky and the girls are traveling. Let us keep them in prayer.

- ✓ **Patty** is in Oklahoma for a while.
- Dennis and Beth Johnson has made it back to India.

- ✓ We will have a Fellowship Meal on the last Sunday of each month.

✓ **Hiram Church of Christ News**

Let us keep James Munsell in our prayers. He was added to the Lord on January 20, 2019. He found our church Youtube channel and studied with Bro. Bryant, now he's a child of

God. He was baptized at the Quivira Heights church of Christ in Topeka, Ks.

- ✓ We have been asked to keep another interested person in prayer. Her name is Maricela, she has asked that we keep her sons, Antonio and Alexander along with ex-husband Torrell and friend Justin in prayer. She lives in California,



“WORSHIP...GOD” Pt. VII
“Identifying the FOUR types of Worship in the Bible”
“True Worship”
John 4:23-24

Over the past several weeks, we have been on a journey regarding “Worship”! We have identified THREE of the FOUR types of “Worship thus far!” We have,

1. “Ignorant Worship!” (Acts 17:22-23).
 - What is “Ignorant Worship?” “Ignorant Worship” is “to be uninformed about, not to know, (to) be ignorant.” (BDAG 3rd ed., p. 12).” The men on Mars Hill in Acts 17:16ff had an inscription, “to the UNKNOWN God,” and Paul said, “...to whom you Ignorantly Worship” *That is*, “Worshipping God without knowledge...NOT according to knowledge!”
2. “Vain Worship!” (Mark 7:1-20).
 - Liddell and Scott tells us that “Vain” means, “fruitless, to no good end.” (pg. 1084).
 - *Therefore*, when people “Worships God” in “Vain,” they are “Worshipping God” fruitlessly, and with NO results, it is, “Fruitless Service” to Him! (cf. Mark 1:6-7).
3. “Will Worship!” (Colossians 2:20-23).
 - Thayer defines “Will Worship” as “Worship which one devises and prescribes for himself, contrary to the contents and nature of faith which ought to be directed to God”.
 - “Will Worship” is according to what I think, what I feel, what I believe, *it is*, people (churches) coming up with their OWN IDEA of Worship to God and they EXPECT God to accept it! Then we have the one CORRECT way to “Worship God” and that is;
4. “True Worship” (John 4:23-24).

I. WHAT IS TRUTH?

- A. “Truth” is defined as, “the quality of being in accord with what is true, truthfulness, dependability, uprightness in thought and deed. It is the content of what is true, (it is) truth.” (BDAG pg.42).
- B. It is, “the content of that which is true and thus in accordance with what actually happened — ‘truth.’” (Louw & Nida electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 672).
- C. Liddell and Scott tells us “Truth” is, “unconcealed, so true.” (pg.63).
 - Jesus said in John 17:17 when praying to His Father, He said, “...Sanctify them by Your Truth. Your WORD is Truth.” So, in order for us to “Worship God” in “Truth”, it MUST be in accordance to His word! (Romans 10:17).

II. WHAT IS WORSHIP?

- A. Our English word is derived from the Anglo Saxon word, “Worthship”, which is, “to declare the WORTH of God.” God is WORTHY of our Worship to Him!
- B. Worship is, “to express in attitude or gesture one’s complete dependance on or submission to a High Authority figure, (and our High Authority Figure is God), it is, to Fall Down and Worship, to prostrate oneself before, do reverence to, welcome respectfully.” (BDAG pg. 882).
 - So, our WORSHIP is to be Ascribed to God! *Nonetheless*, there is much confusion in our world today regarding “Worship!” “Worship” is NOT ENTERTAINMENT! And, “Worship” was NEVER commanded to be Entertainment! You see, most people in the world of Christendom, (AND sadly, in the Lord’s church today), want to come to “Worship” and be “Entertained!” That’s NOT how God instructed “Worship” to be...For you to come and be ENTERTAINED!
 - Worship today for so many people are SKITS and PLAYS! It’s BIG Stage Props, Productions and Concerts! It’s Religious Set Up’s where they offer you coffee and donuts, Starbuck cards for visitors, and the list goes on and on and on~!

- And when people “Worship God” the way they want to, it’s ALL wrapped up in ONE of the three WRONG worships we’ve been discussing for the past few weeks! It’s either IGNORANT Worship! It’s either VAIN Worship! Or; It’s WILL Worship! And God will NOT accept neither ONE of them!

III. WHAT DOES WORSHIP CONSIST OF?

- A. Under the Patriarchal Administration, Genesis 4:1ff, we find that Men worshiped God offering SACRIFICES to Him!
 - Each one of those boys had to offer God a SEPARATE sacrifice, Cain could NOT offer for Able and Able could NOT offer a sacrifice to God for Cain! God is going to judge EACH ONE OF US according to our individual service to Him! So, “IF” you come to the house of God and you’re not singing, pay attentions, God will reject your sacrifice of service to Him!
- B. The Mosaic System
 - Under the Mosaic System of Worship, God had given Israel specific instructions, A Pattern for the Tabernacle in Exodus chapter 25! (cf. Exodus 25:40).
 - When it came to offering sacrifices, King Saul offered unlawful sacrifices to God in 1 Samuel 13! Samuel would later tell him, “...to OBEY is better than sacrifices, and to HEED than the fat of rams.” Samuel’s point is very simple, clear and VERY Important for us to understand.
 - Samuel is telling us that Obedience is more important than offering acts of worship. Doing what God says is far more important than Saul offering those animals as sacrifices. When we assume what God wants in Worship is to worship a lie. Let Samuel words sink into our hearts!
- C. The Christian System
 - We UNDERSTAND that our “Worship” today must be in Spirit and Truth (John 4:24).
 - What does Worship consist of TODAY? Praying (1 Timothy 2:1-3), Singing (Ephesians 5:19), Communion (1 Corinthians 11:23ff), Giving (1 Corinthians 16:1-2), Preaching (Acts 20:7).
 - And the “Worship” assembly found in Acts 20:7, NOR; the one found in 1 Corinthians chapter 14, we find Christians doing ANYTHING like, “Praise Dancing, Beat Boxing, Choirs” etc.
- D. How was “True Worship” to God conducted in the New Testament?
 - Once we find out HOW the early church worshiped in the New Testament, then we can KNOW how we are to, “...conduct ourselves in the House of God, in the CHURCH of the Living God, the Pillar and Ground of the Truth.” (1 Timothy 3:15).
 - In Acts 2:42, the Bible tells us how the early church Worshiped God! (i) The Apostles Doctrine - That’s the teachings of Christ! (ii) In Fellowship - That’s them assembling and fellowshiping with one another! (iii) In Breaking of Bread - That’s communion! And; (iv) In Prayer! And contrary to the Sabbath Day Adventist, the Muslim’s or ANY OTHER religious group, the day of Pentecost happened on the FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK!
 - The Bible tells us in Galatians 6:2 that we TODAY are to, “...fulfill the LAW of Christ”, NOT the Patriarchal Law, NOT the Mosaic Law, but we are to FULFILL (*that is*, to complete, to carry out the obligations) of the LAW OF CHRIST and NO OTHER LAW!
- E. What does the Law of Christ worship consist of? (see 1 Corinthians 14:15).

IV. WE ARE TO OFFER SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES ACCEPTABLE TO GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST. (see 1 Peter 2:4-5).

- A. Under the Patriarchal and Mosaic System of Worship, they offered SACRIFICES unto God!
- B. What are Spiritual Sacrifices? (see Hebrews 13:15).
 - It is our ACTIONS in Word and DEED (Colossians 3:16-17).
 - Even in our GIVING, we offer, Spiritual Sacrifices to God! (Philippians 4:18).
 - God commands that we offer Spiritual Sacrifices that are WELL Pleasing to Him, and the only way we can accomplish His will is to do what He has commanded for us to do!