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**WHY SHOULD I**  
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**INTRODUCTION**

*to the text*

*Acts 2:41-47*

THE **“WHY SHOULD I”** SERIES

CHECKING THE PULSE OF LIFE, MINISTRY AND INFLUENCE  
OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

**Acts 2:41-47**

Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. <sup>42</sup> And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. <sup>43</sup> Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, <sup>45</sup> and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. <sup>46</sup> So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Every Ingredient Needed for a Healthy Church  
You and I are the One Things Missing!

# WHY SHOULD I WORSHIP?

## **1.) *Worship is a Spiritual Act***

**In every known culture, tribe or state in all the world and through history, there is that act of worship.**

It may be **barbaric**  
Like the worship **creation**.

It may be **demonic**  
Like **human sacrifice**.

It may be **humanistic**  
Like the **exaltation of mankind**.

**The Act of Worship is within Every Human Being**

**THERE IS HOLY WORSHIP  
AND AN UNHOLY WORSHIP**

It is the Bible That Records and Reveals the truth about worship...

**Sadly Many Christian's Today are Either Ignorant about  
Worship or they are so Backslidden that Worship is Missing  
from their diet!**

***Remember Church - Once in Heaven***

**#1**

Your Bible Knowledge will not matter

**#2**

Your Missionary Exploits will be over

All of Your Good Works, Your Ministry, Your Gifts – will be done away

Because all of those things will be Replaced by  
The Perpetual act Worship for all eternity...

# It's All About Worship!

## Isaiah 6:1-5

*In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup> And one cried to another and said: "**Holy, holy, holy** is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!" <sup>4</sup> And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because 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."*

**"A Worshipping Church  
is a Church Pleasing to God"**

## ***The Pathology to Worship***

***Worship is a Spiritual Act***

***1a.) It Requires - New Spirituality***

**WHY ? - *because***

Worship Naturally Flows Through The Vents  
of Every Human Soul

And That's The Danger !!!

Acceptable Worship Requires a **New Spirit** Within Us

## *"The Holy Spirit"*

### ***John 20:21-22***

*So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." <sup>22</sup> And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. = **Born Again !***

The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit

Man's Heart Unchanged Cannot Worship God

(ARE YOU A WORSHIPPER OF GOD?)

***Worship is a Spiritual Act***

### ***1b.) It Requires - The Divine Truth***

#### ***John 4:23-24***

"But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

<sup>24</sup> "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

#### ***Exodus 3:12-14***

So He said, "I will certainly be with you. And this shall be a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." <sup>13</sup> Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?" <sup>14</sup> And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

***Worship is a Spiritual Act***

### ***1c.) It Requires - Knowledge of The Holy One***

It Requires Knowledge - of the one you're worshipping

**Acts 17:24-30**

God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. <sup>25</sup> Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. <sup>26</sup> And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, <sup>27</sup> so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; <sup>28</sup> for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.' <sup>29</sup> Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising.

<sup>30</sup> Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,

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***d.) It Requires - Faith to Offer Up***

It Requires Faith - that your worship is being received

**Hebrews 11:6**

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Without Faith

Our worship can Offend God

“Incense and rubber”

NO SUCH THING AS SUNDAY WORSHIP OR SATURDAY WORSHIP

DAILY WORSHIP  
HOURLY WORSHIP

If it's not constant worship - It's Polluted worship

***Worship is a Spiritual Act***

***1e.) It Requires – Love from the Heart***

It Requires Love – it must come from the heart

## ***Worship is a Spiritual Act***

### ***f.) It Requires – Purity of Life***

It Requires Purity –

#### **Psalm 24:3-5**

Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place? <sup>4</sup> He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, nor sworn deceitfully. <sup>5</sup> He shall receive blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

#### **1 Timothy 2:8**

I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting;

## **WHY SHOULD I WORSHIP?**

### ***2.) Worship in Our Private Life***

#### ***2a.) The Beauty of Holiness***

#### **Psalm 29:1-2**

Give unto the LORD, O you mighty ones, give unto the LORD glory and strength. <sup>2</sup> Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

#### ***2b.) The Loss of Self***

#### **Psalm 95:6**

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

### **Isaiah 6:1-5**

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### **Isaiah 6:6-8**

*Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> And he **touched my mouth with it**, and said: "**Behold, this has touched your lips; your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged.**" <sup>8</sup> Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."*

## **2c.) The Supreme Delight**

Better: - The Delight of the Supreme

## **WHY SHOULD I WORSHIP?**

### **3.) Worship – is a Response to Victory**

Note The Pathology of Biblical Worship

#### **3a.) Victory Through - Fascination**

"If you can explain it then you cannot worship it.

For it must hold us captive, bound by its total contradiction of who and what we are."

- A.W. Tozer

Fascination

Opens our eyes wide to see who and what he is.

With Each Divine Revelation or Encounter

There is a overwhelming fascination

### ***3b.) Victory Through - Astonishment***

### ***3c.) Victory Through - Reverence***

#### **Psalm 5:7**

But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; in fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple.

### ***3d.) Victory Through - Adoration***

### ***3e.) Victory Through - Praise***

The Act of Praise

Has gotten a Bad Rap from the Legalists of Our Day

Because there is no joy in their lives, they cannot see the validity of praise.

They are more interested in the lofty hymns, the traditional songs.

But Praise is an Element of True Worship

The Millennial Reign of Christ

#### **Psalm 66:3-4**

Say to God, "How awesome are Your works! Through the greatness of Your power your enemies shall submit themselves to You. <sup>4</sup> All the earth shall worship You and sing praises to You; they shall sing praises to Your name." Selah

#### **Psalm 22:27-28**

All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You. <sup>28</sup> For the kingdom is the LORD'S, and He rules over the nations.

#### **Psalm 86:9**

All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, and shall glorify Your name.

Why Do I Become a Worshipper of God



#1

You must be converted to Christ

#2

You must take back your thought life

#3

You must put Him first again

(Music, television, hobbies...)

Can you say "Praise God for this \_\_\_\_\_  
and Thank you Jesus for \_\_\_\_\_"

Frankly

I wonder how many Christians are ready for heaven?