

True Worship

Introduction:

- A. Many have the attitude that it makes no difference how we worship as long as we worship God.
- B. It does make a difference how we worship. - John 4:19-24
- C. How are we to worship God?
- I. The only acceptable worship is “true” worship. - John 4:23-24
 - A. All true worship consists, not just in outward acts, but in devotion from the heart (“in spirit”). - Romans 12:11
 - B. All true worship is “in truth.” - John 17:17
- II. True worship is “in spirit.”
 - A. **With understanding.** - 1 Corinthians 14:14-15; 11:26-29
 - B. **Orderly** - 1 Corinthians 14:33,40
 - C. **Reverent** - Psalm 89:7; Hebrews 12:28-29
 - D. **Sincere** - Psalm 122:1; 100:1-2; Matthew 6:5
 - E. **Holy** - Psalm 29:2; 1 Peter 2:5
 - F. **Instructional** - Hebrews 10:24-25; 1 Corinthians 14:26
 - G. **Pomp aside** - Romans 8:5-8
- III. True worship is “in truth.”
 - A. **Lord’s Supper** - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26,34
 - B. **Collection** - 1 Corinthians 16:1-2
 - C. **Preaching** - Acts 20:7
 - D. **Praying** - 1 Corinthians 14:23,26,15
 - E. **Singing** - 1 Corinthians 14:15

Conclusion:

- A. For our worship to be acceptable to God, it must be true, i.e., “in spirit and in truth.” - John 4:23-24
- B. Is our worship acceptable?