

The worship of the church

- See the divinely appointed worship the church offers to God and its pattern in the New Testament.

What constitutes acceptable worship to God?

- John 4:23-24
 - Unto God
 - In spirit
 - According to truth
- Throughout the ages, men have corrupted worship in all three of these points (object, spirit, and truth).

The church that belongs to Christ worships God in spirit and truth

- Philippians 3:3
 - Christians, individually, are a people who worship God.
 - Acts 10:9
 - Acts 16:25
 - Acts 20:36
- The local church assembled to worship God in the New Testament.
 - 1 Corinthians 11:17-34
 - 1 Corinthians 16:1-2
 - 1 Corinthians 14
 - Hebrews 10:24-25

What worship should be offered to God when the church assembles on the first day of the week?

- The breaking of bread – the Lord’s Supper – is worship offered to God that should be offered in spirit and in truth
 - Matthew 26:26-28
 - Mark 14:22-25
 - Luke 22:19-20
 - 1 Corinthians 11:17-34
 - 1 Corinthians 10:16-22
 - Acts 20:7
 - Acts 2:42

Partaking the Lord's Supper on the first day of the week is worship offered to God that should be offered in spirit and in truth

- Offered to God
 - 1 Corinthians 10:16, 20-22
 - “communion of...”
 - “to God”
 - Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
 - “in remembrance of Me”
 - “proclaim the Lord's death”

Partaking of the Lord's Supper on the first day of the week is worship offered to God that should be offered in spirit and in truth

- Offered according to truth
 - Using all the Scriptures that speak about the Lord's Supper, answer these questions:
 - What constituted the Lord's Supper?
 - Who was to partake of the Lord's Supper?
 - When was the Lord's Supper partaken of?
 - Where or in what setting was the Lords' Supper partaken of?

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- Offered according to truth
 - Elements
 - Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25
 - Unleavened bread
 - Fruit of the vine – “the cup”
 - And what they represent
 - Who
 - Acts 20:7
 - Disciples
 - Time
 - First day of the week
 - Acts 20:7
 - Setting or arrangement
 - 1 Corinthians 11:18, 20
 - Contrast each of these truths to methods and approaches used today in various religious groups

Special Days in the Bible

Day of Year (Annually)	Day of Month (Monthly)	Day of Week (Weekly)
LoM: Passover – 14 th of 1 st month (Num 21:16)		LoM: 7 th day – Sabbath (Ex 20:8-11)
LoM: Feast of Unleavened Bread – 15 th of 1 st month for 7 days (Num 21:17)		law of Christ: 1st day – break bread (Acts 20:7)
		law of Christ: 1st day – lay by in store (I Cor 16:1-2)

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- Offered in spirit
 - Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
 - “in remembrance of Me”
 - “proclaim the Lord's death”
 - 1 Corinthians 11:27-34
 - “let a man examine himself and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup”
 - not in “an unworthy manner”
 - “not discerning the Lord's body”
 - “judge ourselves”

What worship should be offered to God when the church assembles on the first day of the week?

- Singing and making melody in the heart – is worship offered to God that should be offered in spirit and in truth
 - Ephesians 5:19
 - Colossians 3:16
 - 1 Corinthians 14:15
 - See also Acts 16:25; Romans 15:9; Hebrews 2:12; James 5:13

Singing and making melody in the heart is worship offered to God that should be offered in spirit and in truth

- Offered to God
 - Ephesians 5:19
 - “singing and making melody in your heart *to the Lord*”
 - Colossians 3:16
 - “singing with grace in your hearts *to the Lord*”
 - Romans 15:9
 - “...and sing *to Your name*”
 - Acts 16:25
 - “...and singing hymns *to God*”
 - Hebrews 2:12
 - “in the midst of the congregation I will sing *praise to You*”

Singing and making melody in the heart is worship offered to God that should be offered in spirit and in truth

- Offered according to truth
 - Using all the Scriptures that speak about singing, answer these questions:
 - What are the actions involved?
 - What is to be sung?

Singing and making melody in the heart is worship offered to God that should be offered in spirit and in truth

- Offered according to truth
 - **The actions**
 - “singing”
 - “making melody in your heart” / “singing with grace in your hearts”
 - “speaking to one another” / “teaching and admonishing one another”

Singing and making melody in the heart is worship offered to God that should be offered in spirit and in truth

- Offered according to truth
 - What is to be sung
 - “psalms”
 - A song similar to the Old Testament psalms, or one of those psalms themselves
 - “usually refers to songs of the highest praise and adoration of God’s power, wisdom, character, and works” (Caldwell)
 - “hymns”
 - A song consisting of praise to God
 - “songs of praise, thanksgiving, and supplication” (Caldwell)
 - “spiritual songs”
 - A more general word, distinguishing “spiritual” from secular or carnal
 - “inspirational odes...designed to edify, admonish, and/or teach” (Caldwell)

Authorized Thing	The authorized thing is a specific in this general class	Therefore, these not authorized (other specifics of the general class)	The authorized thing is generic as to:	Therefore, these specifics/expedients authorized
Gopherwood Genesis 6:14	Species of wood	Oak, pine, ebony, etc.	Size of wood, trees	Small, large, etc.
Take for himself...a male lamb from the sheep or from the goats Exodus 12:3-5	Species of animal	Ox, donkey, etc.	Color	White, black, etc.
Singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (Colossians 3:16)	Music	Entirely instrumental, sing + instrument, etc.	Harmony/unison/etc.	Soprano, alto, unison, etc.

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Singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (Colossians 3:16)	Types of songs	Patriotic, folk, etc.	Organization of songs	Multiple verses, no chorus, repeated phrases, etc.

Singing and making melody in the heart is worship offered to God that should be offered in spirit and in truth

- Offered in spirit
 - Ephesians 5:18-19; Colossians 3:16-17; Romans 15:9; James 5:13
 - Singing proceeds from a heart of
 - thanks,
 - praise,
 - faith in God and His word
 - Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 14:11-17, 26
 - Singing includes a desire to
 - teach and admonish one another for edification

What worship should be offered to God when the church assembles on the first day of the week?

- Praying – is worship offered to God that should be offered in spirit and in truth
 - 1 Corinthians 14:15
 - Acts 2:42

Praying is worship offered to God that should be offered in spirit and in truth

- Offered to God
 - Luke 11:2
- Offered in spirit
 - Regard as holy (reverence, respect, honor)
 - Matthew 6:9
 - “hallowed be Thy name”
 - Sincerity
 - Matthew 6:5-7
 - Not “in order to be seen by men”
 - Not “meaningless repetition”
 - Humility
 - Luke 18:9-14

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- Offered in spirit
 - Faith – confident assurance, belief
 - James 1:6-9
 - Hebrews 4:16
 - Hebrews 11:6
 - Luke 18:1,8
 - A spirit of obedience
 - John 9:31
 - Forgiving spirit
 - Matthew 6:12-15
 - Gratitude
 - Philippians 4:6
 - Colossians 4:2
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:17
 - Romans 1:21

Praying is worship offered to God that should be offered in spirit and in truth

- Offered according to truth
 - 1 Corinthians 14:1-40; 1 Timothy 2:8
 - Men to address the assembly
 - Consider edification
 - John 14:14-15; 1 Timothy 2:5, 6
 - In Jesus' name – in recognition of His authority, His position, and His claims, that He is at the right hand of God as our Mediator