

A HEART OF WORSHIP



Romans 12:1 (NIV)

True Worship

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

(spiritual or reasonable act of worship = leitourgia)

THE TEST OF TRUE WORSHIP

1. True Worship glorifies God alone

“Worship is a way of gladly reflecting back to God the radiance of His worth!”

2. True Worship always acknowledges the Presence of the King!

Psalm 22:3

Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;
you are the one Israel praises (*enthroned on
the praises of Israel*)

In worship the Church remembers, proclaims & enacts the Christ event that released creation from its bondage & anticipates the new Heaven & the new earth in which the work of Christ will be completed!

3. True Worship is always on God's terms

**MAN-MADE WORSHIP MODELS OR
LANGUAGES OF WORSHIP
(Gordon Macdonald)**

Worship Language:

Key:

Aesthetic instinct:

Majesty

Experiential instinct:

Joy

Activist instinct:

Serving

Contemplative instinct:

Listening

Student instinct:

Truth

Relational instinct:

Love/Unity

4. True Worship begins with a living relationship with Jesus!

Ephesians 5

¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**5. To truly Worship is to become like the One
whom I worship!**

Transformation not mere Admiration!

Worship as Lifestyle...

Colossians 3

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Colossians 3

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

6. True Worship Prepares us for Eternity!

Summarizing True Worship:

- **Glorifies God alone**
- **Acknowledges the Presence of the King**
- **Always on God's terms**
- **Begins with a living relationship with Jesus**
- **Demands Transformation**
- **Prepares us for Eternity**