



**Spring 2017
Gospel
Meeting**

*Fifth Street East
Church of Christ*

"I Am A Member Of The
Church Of Christ
Because ..."

It Worships God In
Spirit And In Truth

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"You are very religious"
(Acts 17:22-24)

- Man searches for objects of worship
- Left to his own ways, man bows down to celestial bodies, graven images, etc., Acts 17:29; Isaiah 44:9-20
- Even when men refuse to worship the true God, they will worship something, Romans 1:18-23

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Vain Worship

Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: "These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men." (Matthew 15:7-9)

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God has always demanded that man approach Him with reverent worship

- Israel, Leviticus 10:3
- From the earliest days of man's existence, Genesis 4:1-5; Hebrews 11:4

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True Worshipers Must Know God
(Acts 17:22-23; Romans 1:21)

- Must be true worshipers, John 4:23
- In spirit and truth, John 4:24
 - Spirit: Heart, inner person participates, 1 Corinthians 14:14-15
 - Truth: More than emotion; A pattern of conduct, Matthew 15:7-9; Romans 10:1-3

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Hebrews 12:28

NEW TESTAMENT PATTERN OF TRUE WORSHIP

The Lord's Supper
Matthew 26:26-29

- Expression of heart as it *remembers Christ*
 - Communion with Christ, *1 Corinthians 10:16*
 - Memorial of His death for our sins, *1 Corinthians 11:23-29*
 - Every first day of the week, *Acts 20:7; 2:42*
 - Come together as a church ... in one place, *1 Corinthians 11:18, 20*

Singing
Hebrews 2:12; 1 Corinthians 14:15

- Expression of a heart that is *turned upward and outward*
 - Speaking to one another, *Ephesians 5:19*
 - Making melody in your heart to the Lord, *Ephesians 5:19*
 - Teaching and admonishing one another, *Colossians 3:16*

Prayer
1 Corinthians 14:15-16

- Expression of a heart that *depends on God, Matthew 6:5-8, 9-13*
 - Continue steadfastly in prayer, *Acts 2:42*
 - Pray for our brethren, for our leaders, for all men, *Ephesians 6:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:25; 1 Timothy 2:1-2*
 - With one accord and with holy hands, *Acts 4:24-30; 1 Timothy 2:8*

Giving
Acts 4:34-35

- Expression of a heart that is *first given to the Lord* and that *sacrifices to God, 2 Corinthians 8:5, 12*
 - On the first day of the week as we have been prospered, *1 Corinthians 16:2*
 - Voluntary, with purpose and cheerfulness of heart, *2 Corinthians 9:7*

Teaching God's Word
1 Corinthians 14:26

- Expression of a heart that *loves truth, Psalms 119:97*
- Preach the word of God, not fables, *2 Timothy 4:2-4*
- Preach the apostles' doctrine, *Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; 2 Timothy 4:2 (3:16-17)*
- To edify hearers, *1 Corinthians 14:26; Acts 20:32; 2 Timothy 2:2*

Do Not Change God-Approved Worship

- By substituting the doctrines of men, *Matthew 15:7-9; Colossians 2:20-23*
- By profaning God and our worship of Him with irreverent conduct during worship services, *Hebrews 12:28-29; Malachi 1:12-14*
- Remember Nadab and Abihu (*Leviticus 10:1-2*)



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Worship in Spirit and Truth *John 4:24*

