

Handling Accurately The Word Of GOD

Lesson 5

Topic For This Lesson → THE CHURCH (*WORSHIP*)

Biblical Points Of Emphasis

- ◆ God desires that His people worship Him (Jn. 4:19-24)
 - True worship needs to have 3 elements to be acceptable to God
 - The right object → God (Mt. 4:8-9; Rev. 4:11; 5:12-13)
 - The right attitude → fervent spirit; not "half-hearted" (Rom. 12:11)
 - The right way → in accordance with revealed truth (Mt. 15:3, 9)
- ◆ Worship can be...
 - "...in vain" (Mt. 15:9) → *invented doctrines that glorify man, set aside God's commands*
 - "...in ignorance" (Jn. 4:22; Acts 17:23) → *activities that are practiced without knowing why*
 - "...fraudulent" (Col. 2:18) → *rituals that appeal to carnal pride; they only puff man up*
- ◆ The first century Christians worshiped on the 1st day of the week (Acts 2:1, 42; 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2)
 - A clear change from the 1st covenant worship on the Sabbath (7th) day (Ex. 8-11)
- ◆ The "acts of worship" to be practiced by N.T. Christians in the N.T. church every 1st day of the week:
 - The Lord's Supper (Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:17-33; Mt. 26:29)
 - It is a "communion" with other believers and with the Lord Himself
 - It is the primary reason for our assembling together (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:18, 20, 33)
 - Singing (Eph. 5:19-20; Col. 3:16-17; Heb. 2:12)
 - It is to be done "a capella" to each other (without accompaniment of musical instruments)
 - The use of instruments was authorized under the 1st covenant (Psa. 150)
 - A "commandment of the Lord" had been given for their use (2 Chron. 29:25-26)
 - We would need the same today to use musical instruments in our worship
 - Praying (Acts 2:42; 12:5, 12)
 - Public petitions offered for individuals, the church, etc.
 - Preaching (Acts 2:42; 2 Tim. 4:1-4; Titus 2:1-10, 15)
 - Exhortations, warnings, admonishments, etc. taught in the public assembly
 - Giving (1 Cor. 16:1-2; 2 Cor. 8:1-5; 9:6-7)
 - God loves the "cheerful giver" who "...first gives himself to the Lord"

Indicate How Each Of The Following Do Not Agree With The Above Points

- ◆ Singing with a piano, organ, brass ensemble, etc.
- ◆ Having choirs, solos, duets, trios. etc.

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Indicate How Each Of The Following Do Not Agree With The Above Points (cont.)

- ◆ Praying to Mary; praying the Rosary
- ◆ Monthly, Quarterly, Semi-Annually observance of communion
- ◆ Worshipping on Saturday
- ◆ Bake sales, car washes, etc. to raise money for the church