

# Applied Theology of Worship

What is worship?

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Worship is a response

*We have nothing to give that didn't first come from Your hands  
We have nothing to offer You which You did not provide  
Every good, perfect gift comes from Your kind and gracious heart  
And all we do is give back to You what always has been Yours  
Lord, we're breathing the breath that You gave us to breathe  
To worship You, to worship You  
- Matt Redman*

A **proper** response to God

*For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”— yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. (1 Corinthians 8:5–6)*

*I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:1–2)*

For all he is, and all he does

*Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!  
Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! (Psalm 150:1–2)*

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Notes:

## **(Worship is)...a continual response of adoration and action...**

Adoration **and** action

*“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.” (Matthew 10:37-38)*

*“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.” (John 14:15-17)*

Our adoration overflows with action

*Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience... (Colossians 3:12)*

*Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. (Philippians 2:3–8)*

*Take away from me the noise of your songs;  
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.  
But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. (Amos 5:23-24)*

## **(Worship is)...manifested in the lives of individual believers...**

If someone came to you and said, “I want to worship God more, in my personal life. What should I do?”  
What would you tell them?

Worship is presenting our entire life to God as a living sacrifice, not just our quiet times.

Worship is more a matter of **why** you’re doing something, rather than **what** you’re doing.

*Open up our eyes to see You in the ordinary  
We don't want to miss You anymore  
Open every eye to see every day, everything is  
Burning with the glory of the Lord. - Aaron Keyes*

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Notes:

*So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. (1 Corinthians 10:31)*

**(Worship is)...manifested in the corporate life of the local church...**

Gospel Doctrine and Gospel Culture (Adoration **and** Action)

Thoughts on The Regulative Principle of Worship

*What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up. (1 Corinthians 14:26)*

What matters most when we gather: **Edification** (building up the body)

Read the Word  
Preach the Word  
Pray the Word  
See the Word  
Sing the Word

**Singing the Word with Parkway**

Our (the leadership of Parkway's) efforts toward edification:

Your (the membership of Parkway's) efforts toward edification:

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