

# **Why We Worship Like We Worship at Christian Chapel**

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### **HALLELUJAH!**

Perhaps you have not been to a church quite like this before! Perhaps you have questions. Let us share with you from the Scriptures the basis of our form of worship.

### **OUR WORSHIP IS BASED UPON SCRIPTURE**

The Biblical pattern for worship of God is meaningful and beautiful. It is a way of loving, honoring and praising the Lord for who He is and what He has done. We exalt and magnify Him because He is worthy of all our devotion and praise.

Jesus said, "thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy might." Worship is a way to love the Lord. Do it with all your heart, mind and strength!

### **WHY DO WE CLAP OUR HANDS AND STAND BEFORE THE LORD?**

Both are ways to show approval, honor, respect, and praise. "O clap your hands all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph." Psalm 47:1 "They stood up to praise the Lord God of Israel with a loud voice on high." 2 Chronicles 20:19

### **WHY DO WE LIFT OUR HANDS?**

To bless the Lord: "Because thy loving kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee. Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name." Psalm 63:3 & 41

To Pray: "I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting." 1 Timothy 2:8

To present a sacrifice: "Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice." Psalm 141:2

To thirst and long for God: "I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land." Psalm 143:6

### **WHY DO WE HAVE AUDIBLE PRAISE UNTO GOD?**

"Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me bless His holy name." Psalm 103:1 "I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth." Psalm 34:1 "And when they heard this, they lifted their voices to god..." Acts 4:24

### **WHAT IS MEANT BY “SPIRITUAL SONGS”?**

They include songs sung under the anointing of the Holy Spirit and also, singing in unknown tongues. “For if I pray in unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also.” I Cor. 14:14 &15

### **WHY DO WE SING CHORUSES AND SCRIPTURES?**

“And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess: but be filled with the Spirit: speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.” Ephesians 5:18 & 19

### **WHY DOES THE WHOLE CHURCH PRAY AT ONCE FOR SPECIFIC NEEDS?**

“And when they heard that, they lifted their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, Thou are God, which hast made heaven and earth...” Acts 4:24

### **SPEAKING WITH TONGUES AND INTERPRETATION?**

“Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues.” I Cor. 14:39

If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two or at the most three, and that by course, and let one interpret.” I Cor. 14:27

### **WHY DO WE HAVE THIS TYPE OF WORSHIP?**

“But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.” John 4:23 & 24

### **WHY ARE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS A PART OF THE WORSHIP SERVICE?**

“Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet: Praise Him with the psaltery and harp. Praise Him with the timbrel and dance. Praise Him with stringed instruments and organs. Praise Him upon the loud cymbals: Praise Him upon the high sounding cymbals.” Psalm 150: 3-5

### **WHY DO WE ANOINT WITH OIL AND PRAY FOR THE SICK?**

“Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one, who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him.” James 5: 14 & 15

## WHAT IS "PROPHECY" ... DURING WORSHIP?

Prophecy is simply God speaking to this people. Prophecy must also be judged according to the scriptures. It is a gift of God manifested by the Holy Spirit for the purpose of building the church. It is a gift to be desired. "Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy."

I Cor. 14: 1

### SOME SCRIPTURAL TERMINOLOGY

**THE ANOINTING** - The presence and the work of the Holy Spirit in a person's life. "But the anointing which you have received of Him abideth in you..." I John 2:27

**TO MINISTER** - To serve or help another by the anointing of the Holy Spirit," ...but our sufficiency is of God; who also hath made us able ministers of the New Testament..." 2 Cor. 3: 5-6

**THE GLORY** - The manifestation of God's presence and splendor to man's spiritual and physical senses, "And it came to pass... that the cloud filled the house of the Lord, so that the priests could not stand to minister... for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of the Lord." I Kings 8: 10-11

**REVELATION** - Our understanding of God's will and purposes. "Wherefore I also ... making mention of you in my prayers; that, the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him..." Ephesians 1:15-27

**THE BODY** - The Church is the Body of Christ on earth. I Cor. 12: 12-15

**EDIFY** - "To build up." "Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church." I Cor. 14:12

**SPIRITUAL GIFTS** - Supernatural abilities given by the Holy Spirit to believers. I Cor. 12:1, 4-11, 14:1

Dear Special Guest:

We are so happy to have you worship with us. We pray you will be blessed by experiencing the presence of the Lord. **Relax, you are among friends.**

Please understand we know there are different types of spiritual expressions. Each of us responds to God's presence in varied ways. You are not expected to do something simply because others are doing it. Do not involve yourself in anything that does not build you up and make you feel better about your relationship with God.

By the same token we insist that those of us who are more demonstrative be allowed our freedom of expression. The Body of Christ is quite large enough to accept the quiet worshipper as well as the noisy one. It seems the God of the Bible enjoys variety. He made us all different, didn't he?

If you would like to experience more liberty in public worship, but are too self conscious, may I suggest you begin in your private devotional times. There you can become accustomed to various expressions in praise and worship seen and heard in this church. If we may answer any questions or pray with you, please call.

If you do not know Jesus as your personal saviour we invite you to accept Him today. **The Christian life is wonderful.** God is calling you. That is really why you are here. Please say “yes”. You will never regret it.

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