

DO YOU LOVE TO WORSHIP ME?

Introduction:

1. Why Would We Love to Worship God?

A) We love God

> It is impossible to adore someone or some thing that you don't love

B) We love what God has done for us

> He loved me and sent His only Son to set me free from sin's curse

> In Christ I am forgiven, justified, sanctified, set free from the power of sin, restored to God, etc

Paul's testimony (1 Timothy 1:15-17)

C) We love God's presence

> Filled with the Spirit

> The Spirit enables and empowers us to worship God

Jesus was led by and filled with the Spirit Jesus (Matthew 4:10)

Led by and filled with the Spirit we will worship / serve God only

2. How Do We Express our Worship to God?

A) Under the influence of the Holy Spirit

> The Spirit influences / directs us through and by the Word of God (Colossians 3:16)

> The Word of God reveals the impact of the Spirit's influence in our lives (Ephesians 5:19-21)

B) In the Congregation of God's People

> Speaking to "one another" (Ephesians 5:19)

> Teaching and admonishing "one another" (Colossians 3:16)

> Worship is necessarily vertical – singing praise, expressing adoration for God

> Worship is horizontal – teaching / admonishing

C) In psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs

- > Psalms – the psalms put to music
- > Hymns (Colossians 1:12-16)
- > Spiritual songs

D) Making melody in your heart to the Lord

- > Filled with the Spirit the child of God has a new song that resonates from the heart
- > It is uncharacteristic and inappropriate for the redeemed to be disinterested in singing / worship
- > God desires and deserves worship, not flattery (Matthew 15:8)

E) Always giving thanks (Ephesians 5:20)

- > It is impossible to adore and worship God when you are discontented

F) Submitting to one another in the fear of God (Ephesians 5:21)

- > The Spirit of God not only moves us to glorify Jesus Christ

He seeks to conform us to the image of Jesus Christ (Philippians 2:1-9)

3. What would Keep Us from Loving to Worship God?

A) We love and worship someone or some thing else more

- > This lies at the heart of Satan's temptation of Jesus Christ (Matthew 4:8-10)

B) We are not "filled with the Holy Spirit" nor letting "the Word of Christ dwell in us richly"

- > The Word of God is clear about the impact of the Spirit and the Word on our worship

Either we have left our first love - First in priority and first in passion

Or we must consider the very real potential

We never left our first love ... ME