

## WORSHIP AND THE LOCAL CHURCH

### A. THE SPIRITUAL PRIORITY OF WORSHIP

1. As observed by it being \_\_\_\_\_ in Scripture. (Rev. 19:10; 22:8-9)
2. As observed by it being repeatedly \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the entire Bible; and in particular in the \_\_\_\_\_. (Ps. 5:7; 22:27; 29:2; 66:4; 95:6; 99:5)
3. As observed in the \_\_\_\_\_ . (Exodus 20:3-5)
4. As observed by the description of \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_. (Philip. 3:3)

### B. THE SCRIPTURAL PRINCIPLES OF WORSHIP (John 4)

1. The *need* for worship is highlighted by the fact that God the Father is legitimately \_\_\_\_\_ believers to worship Him. (v. 23b)
2. The *meaning* of “worship” (Gk. *proskuneo*) involves \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ given to a superior Being.
3. The *place* of true worship is NOT the pressing issue, rather the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ are the bigger issues. (vv. 20-24)
4. The *object* of true worship is \_\_\_\_\_ alone. (vv. 21, 23-24)
5. The *framework* of true worship involves a correct understanding of \_\_\_\_\_ and His \_\_\_\_\_, starting with the \_\_\_\_\_ that He alone provides. (v. 22)

6. The *manner* of true worship necessitates that a true worshipper \_\_\_\_\_ worship God in \_\_\_\_\_ and in \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 23-24)

7. The *initial condition* for true worship is entering into a \_\_\_\_\_ through faith \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ. (vv. 25ff)

### C. SEVERAL OBSERVATIONS OF WORSHIP IN THE EARLY CHURCH

1. Biblically we must remember that most early Christians were \_\_\_\_\_ who had trusted in Christ and they were accustomed to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ services; though Gentile Christians were added to the Church in time.

2. There is \_\_\_\_\_ place in the N.T. that specifically lays out what a “worship service” must consist of; thus, all observations are \_\_\_\_\_, not necessarily \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Some Snapshots of Early Christian Worship...

a. Early Christians were \_\_\_\_\_ the Word, they enjoyed \_\_\_\_\_, observed the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ together. (Acts 2:42-47; 1 Tim. 2:1-3; 4:13)

b. Believers met on \_\_\_\_\_ to hear the Scriptures \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 20:7-12; 2 Tim. 4:2-5), and to enjoy a “potluck” agape \_\_\_\_\_ together (1 Cor. 11:17-32).

c. The early churches took up \_\_\_\_\_ to support the ministry. (1 Cor. 16:1-4; Heb. 13:16)

d. Christians gathered together to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ God in songs and hymns. (Col. 3:16)

\* How can you personally apply this truth in your own life?