

Worship According To God's Pattern

“⁹ Whoever ^[a]transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. ¹⁰ If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him;” (2 John 9-10).

“¹⁷ And whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him” (Col. 3:17).

The intent of this devotion is to warn against the failure to have **“thus saith the Lord”** for the pattern used in the carrying out of the authorized acts of worship.

The **Lord Supper** is vital for Christians to observe. Jesus commanded it in **Matthew 26:26-29**. It is equally important that the would-be worshipper observe the Lord's Supper with the proper attitude and proper objects. Only ***unleavened bread*** and the ***fruit of the vine*** have been authorized by God. Coke and honeybun will not suffice regardless of one's attitude. A ***“thus saith the Lord”*** settles the question as noted in Matthew 26:26-29. Thus, only five (5) acts of worship are allowed in the worship services of the churches of Christ.

1). **Prayer-** ***“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in the breaking of bread, and in prayers”*** (Acts 2:42).

2). **Teaching-** ***“And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight”*** (Acts 20:7).

3). **Singing-** ***“Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in you***

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heart to the Lord" (Eph 5:19). "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" (Col. 3:16).

4). Giving- "Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so, do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come" (1 Cor. 16:1-2).

5). Communion – "And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Matt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:17; Acts 20:7).

Are you adhering to this pattern?

God's abundant grace and mercy is extended unto all mankind alike. "for there is no respect of persons with God" (Rom. 2:11; Eph. 6:9; Col. 3:25; 1 Peter 1:17)

- God's divinity demands respect (Gen. 17:1; Psalm 81:10).
- His goodness demands attention (Rom. 11:22; Psalm 73:1).
- Following his Way gains reward (Heb. 11:6; Luke 6:23; Psalm 58:11).

You can be a partaker of God's goodness if you will believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God, repent, acknowledge Jesus Christ as your Savior, be baptized, remain faithful, and keep commandments. **If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15)**