

Created to...**WORSHIP**

“Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.”

John 4:23

WHO are we Worshipping?

- God the Father, the One and Only True God. Jesus Christ His Only Son and the Holy Spirit.
- The God who created all life. He is Eternal, Provider, Protector, Sustainer, Comforter, Healer, Counselor, Faithful, Holy, Judge, Forgiver, Life-Giver, Lord of Lord, King of Kings, and Heavenly Father.
- The God who is still active and performing miracles in our hearts and lives today!

WHAT is Worship?

- Having Faith
- Glorify
- Exalt, lift up
- Honor
- Adoration
- Giving full devotion to
- Willingly putting someone or something above your own wants and desires
- Focused on one thing
- Being preoccupied with thoughts of
- Consumed
- Allowing our hearts to be moved and molded by God
- Having a teachable spirit, contrite heart
- “Serving in Love”
- A way of life

When?

- *Leviticus 23:1-3*
 - *1 The LORD said to Moses, 2 "Give the Israelites instructions regarding the LORD's appointed festivals, the days when all of you will be summoned to worship me. 3 You may work for six days each week, but on the seventh day all work must come to a complete stop. It is the LORD's Sabbath day of complete rest, a holy day to assemble for worship. It must be observed wherever you live.*

WHEN should I worship?

- A set apart day of Sabbath and rest for ourselves and to dedicate time to worship
- Daily through our lifestyle and being
- When a blessing has come my way
- When I am prompted in my spirit to give a thanks or praise to God
- When I am being tempted
- When I am feeling down (David principle)

WHERE do I worship?

- Dedicated place of worship (God's House) the Temple/Church.
- In Gatherings with God's People
- At Home
- At Work
- At Play
- In Creation
- In my heart

WHY do I worship God?

- God is WORTHY of our Praises, attention and faithfulness!
- It is what we were created for!
- So the rocks won't cry out. (_____)
- Mandated by Scripture to do so (OT and NT)
- Worship sets me free!
- So something else won't get my worship

How do I worship God?

- Through unity in the church
- Worship Services
- Preparing our hearts before we come to the 'Place of Worship'
- Public Reading of Scripture
- Through giving of God's Tithe and our offerings of generosity
- By fulfilling God's laws and commands
- Sacraments
- Taking care of our body
- Prayer (Public and Individual)
- Fasting/Sacrificing something important
- Lifestyle: filled with grace, but marked by holiness

How (continued):

- Celebrating Holidays and Festivals
- Showing respect to God and His Creation
- Enjoying Creation
- Reading and Meditating on His Word
- Sharing your testimony
- Music you listen to
- Small Groups
- Through traditions and liturgy
- Evangelizing the lost
- Saying no to temptation and evil influences
- Serving the community in the name of Christ