

The Manner and Content of Worship

LBCF 22:2-6

SURVEY OF SCRIPTURE

1. Religious worship is to be given to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and to him alone; not to angels, saints, or any other creatures; and since the fall, not without a mediator, nor in the mediation of any other but Christ alone. (Mat 4:9-10; Joh 4:23; Mat 28:19; Rom 1:25; Col 2:18; Rev 19:10; Joh 14:6; 1 Ti 2:5)
2. Prayer, with thanksgiving, being one part of natural worship, is by God required of all men. But that it may be accepted, it is to be made in the name of the Son, by the help of the Spirit, according to his will; with understanding, reverence, humility, fervency, faith, love, and perseverance; and when with others, in a known tongue. (Psa 95:1-7; 65:2; 1 Joh 14:13-14; Rom 8:26; 1 Jo 5:14; 1 Co 14:16-17)
3. Prayer is to be made for things lawful, and for all sorts of men living, nor that shall live hereafter; but not for the dead, nor for those of whom it may be known that they have sinned the sin unto death. (1 Ti 2:1-2; 2 Sa 7:29; 2 Sa 12:21-23; 1 Jo 5:16).
4. The reading of the Scriptures, preaching, and hearing the Word of God, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with grace in our hearts to the Lord; as also the administration of baptism, and the Lord's supper, are all parts of religious worship of God, to be performed in obedience to him, with understanding, faith, reverence, and godly fear; moreover, solemn humiliation, with fastings, and thanksgivings, upon special occasions, ought to be used in an holy and religious manner. (1 Ti 4:13; 2 Ti 4:2; Luke 8:18; Col 3:16; Eph 5:19; Mat 28:19-20; 1 Co 11:26; Est 4:16; Joel 2:12; Exo. 15:1-19, Psa 107)
5. Neither prayer nor any other part of religious worship, is now, under the gospel, tied unto, or made more acceptable by any place in which it is performed, or towards which it is directed; but God is to be worshipped everywhere in spirit and in truth; as

in private families daily, and in secret each one by himself; so more solemnly in the public assemblies, which are not carelessly nor wilfully to be neglected or forsaken, when God by his Word or providence calleth thereunto. (Joh 4:21; Mal 1:11; 1Ti 2:8; Act 10:2; Mat 6:11; Psa 55:17; Mat 6:6; Heb 10:25; Act 2:42)

WHAT DOES THIS TEACH US?

1. Worship is for _____ alone.
2. Worship is a ministry of our _____, Christ alone.
3. Prayer is _____ in true worship of God
4. Prayer is to be _____ Jesus Christ but it is _____ by the Holy Spirit
5. Prayer is for the _____.
6. The Word of God is to _____, _____, _____, _____ and _____.
7. _____, _____ and _____ are to be sung by those in worship.
8. The ordinances administrated within the church are _____ and the _____.
9. Times of special _____, that may include _____, are encouraged.