

# Pastor's Pen

What is Christian Worship?

***And Jesus answered him, "It is written, " 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.'" Luke 4:8***

When you read the question of the title of this week's Pastor's Pen, what was your first thought? Is worship just when we sing to Him on Sunday mornings? Does worship only happen in the Lord's house one day a week? The short answer is a resounding no.

The meaning of the New Testament Greek word most often translated as "worship" is "to fall down before" or "bow down before." But, worship is more than just falling or bowing down. Christian worship involves more than just singing praises to God on Sunday morning. Part of our worship includes our fellowship, the giving of our first fruits, deacon, and elder prayer, and the preaching of His word. However, while we gather as the bride of Christ each Lord's day to worship, that is not the only time we worship. The way we live our lives should be an act of worship. Paul puts it this way, "I appeal to you, therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." Our worship should be on display every day of our lives. That is why Paul said, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind." As our minds are transformed from worldly things to the things of God, we can begin to worship in spirit and truth. A true heart of worship should be the desire of every believer in Jesus Christ.

While we are in these mortal bodies are worship will never be what we want it to be or what it will be when we see our Lord face to face.

Distractions of many kinds can flood our minds as we try to praise and glorify God, hindering our true worship. Unconfessed sin can and will impair your worship of God. We serve a loving and merciful God that created you to glorify Him through your worship. So what say you, Christian? Will you get rid of the distractions in your life that hinder your worship? If you need to confess, do so now so that your unconfessed sin will not hinder your worship.

*"Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire."* Hebrews 12:28-29

Your shepherd,

Pastor Mark

## Quote of the Week



"A true love of God must begin with a delight in his holiness."  
- Jonathan Edwards

# Grace Gems

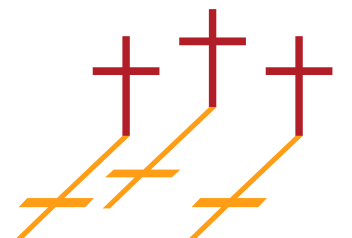
- Valley of Vision  
A puritans prayer

GLORIOUS GOD, It is the flame of my life to worship thee, the crown and glory of my soul to adore thee, heavenly pleasure to approach thee. Give me power by thy Spirit to help me worship now, that I may forget the world, be brought into fullness of life, be refreshed, comforted, blessed.

Give me knowledge of thy goodness that I might not be over-awed by thy greatness; Give me Jesus, Son of Man, Son of God, that I might not be terrified, but be drawn near with filial love, with holy boldness; He is my Mediator, Brother, Interpreter, Branch, Daysman, Lamb; him I glorify, in him I am set on high.

Crowns to give I have none, but what thou hast given I return, content to feel that everything is mine when it is thine, and the more fully mine when I have yielded it to thee.

Let me live wholly to my Savior, free from distractions, from carking care, from hindrances to the pursuit of the narrow way. I am pardoned through the blood of Jesus — give me a new sense of it, continue to pardon me by it, may I come every day to the fountain, and every day be washed anew, that I may worship thee always in spirit and truth.



# Weekly Gatherings



## Bible Classes

New Testament  
Sunday School  
Sunday Morning @ 9AM



## Weekday Meetings

Mondays | 7PM  
Men's Bible Study



## Family Groups

Thursdays @ 7PM @ Royall's  
Every other Thursday @7PM  
@ Patrick's & Cox's



## Build the Body Teams

If you would like to serve on a BtB Team and forgot to sign up, please contact the team leader at the appropriate email address.



## Youth Study

Wednesdays @6:30PM  
Youth Study



## Service Times

Sunday Service 10:30AM  
Children's Church @10:30AM

### Giving from service on 08/15/2021

General Offering .....	6,601.69
Building Fund .....	2,805.60
Uganda .....	100.00
Benevolence .....	100.00
Total .....	\$9,607.29

Attendance .....207  
Sunday School ..... 126

## Build the Body Ministries

- Women's Ministry-women@ghbcva.org
- AWANA-awana@ghbcva.org
- Outreach Ministry-outreach@ghbcva.org
- Worship Ministry-worship@ghbcva.org
- Men's Ministry-men@ghbcva.org
- Children's Ministry-children@ghbcva.org
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