

Which Act of Worship is Most Important?

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Sadly, I have actually heard the following statement in years past in the worship while presiding over the Lord's Supper: "Now we come to the **most important** act of worship. . ."

Really? Where in the Bible do we read that the most important act of worship is the Lord's Supper? I don't think you can find that verse, and furthermore, I don't think you can find any verse which would prioritize the various acts of worship in any certain order!

The Lord's Supper

Is the Lord's Supper important? Absolutely! It is a **memorial** of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior! It is a **communion (fellowship, 1 Cor. 10:16)** of our Lord's sinless body and shed blood. It is to be observed with great reverence and homage. If it is taken lightly or superficially, then God will judge us for it! (1 Cor. 11:23-29) So the Lord's Supper is a great memorial feast to be observed sincerely with reverence and godly fear.

The Other Four Acts Of Worship

Would anyone care to explain to me which one of the following is **less important** than the Lord's Supper?

Singing praises to God and to edify one another, Eph. 5:19; 1 Cor. 14:15. We are to sing songs of a spiritual nature (psalms, hymns, spiritual songs). We are to sing to one another so as to edify and encourage. We are to sing and "*make melody in our hearts*" to the Lord. Thus, worship in song should be done fervently, sincerely, and from the depths of our heart. I've known some brethren who don't like to sing and thus do not put much emphasis upon it. Do you think our Lord would appreciate that attitude? Even Jesus sang with His disciples while He was on earth (Matt. 26:30), and Jesus gave instructions for His church to sing and to sing well! We are to sing with the spirit and the understanding, 1 Cor. 14:15. Have you considered what that means?

Prayer to God with thanksgiving, supplication, for ourselves, our brethren and our fellow man is taught as well, 1 Tim. 2:1-2. The entire second chapter of first Timothy discusses public worship and we are to pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting, 1 Tim. 2:8. Once again we are instructed to pray with the spirit and the understanding, 1 Cor. 14:15. The entire fourteenth chapter of first Corinthians discusses orderly, decent worship. Perhaps some are not as attentive to prayer as they should be, maybe even daydreaming while public prayer is offered. Does that make it less important?

Bible Study is a core ingredient to the Lord's church, Acts 2:42. It is through instruction from the apostles via the New Testament that we learn everything we know today about Jesus, His salvation, His church, and all that pertains to the work and worship of it. Without proper knowledge, God's people can be destroyed (cf. Hosea 4:6). Is this less important than the Lord's Supper?

Giving of our means, as we have been prospered, and as we purpose in our hearts is commanded by our Lord, 1 Cor. 16:1-2; 2 Cor. 8-9. We are admonished to give purposefully, willingly, and cheerfully. It is our way of showing to the Lord our gratitude for what He has given to us (see 2 Cor. 8:9), though we can never repay God for His love, grace and mercy! Still, it is an act from the heart, done weekly as we have prospered, to show our

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