

LESSON # 24
THE CHRISTIAN LIFE AND EXPERIENCE
PART 3: WORSHIP

As we move towards the end of the Sunday School year, for the next four weeks we will discuss “the Christian Life and Experience.” As usual, we turn to the Bible to discover what the normal Christian experience looks like.

Our passage of scripture for the next four weeks will be from the Book of Acts 2:42 – 47:

“They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. [43] Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. [44] All the believers were together and had everything in common. [45] Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. [46] Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, [47] praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”

This passage defines the practice of the early church directly after it was founded by Jesus Christ on the day of Pentecost (fifty days after His resurrection.)

The four key elements of the practice of the early Christians in the early church were:

- 1) “They devoted themselves to the apostles “teaching _____
- 2) “They devoted themselves to _____
- 3) “They devoted themselves to _____
- 4) “They devoted themselves to the breaking of bread _____

Each week for the next four we will look at one of these aspects of the Christian life and experience.

THIS WEEK WE LOOK AT: WORSHIP

Worship simply means “worthship.” That God is worthy of our lives and all we give to Him. Worship involves the giving of all of our life to God. We will look at putting Christ first and worshipping Him through giving, serving and building our life around Him.

(I) WORSHIPPING HIM BY MAKING HIM _____

2 Corinthians 5:14,15 - the Lordship of Jesus Christ is the daily submission and surrender of our entire self to the authority and leadership of Jesus, recognizing His sovereign right to rule over us. (Colossians 1:18).

(II) WHAT IS CHRIST'S _____ FOR HIS DISCIPLES?

(A) Luke 9:23 states the heart of worship is _____

(B) _____ - Putting the Lord and others first; refusing to live my life to please myself.

(C) Take up your cross daily - Submitting our will to the will of God. Luke 22:42.

(D) Follow me - Following Jesus and no one or nothing else. Matthew 4:19; 1 Peter 2:21.

(E) The whole principle of Lordship is the removal of self off of the throne of one's life, and the invitation to Jesus to sit on the throne and rule, trusting Him to do what is best for us.

(F) The battle of submission: two reasons why people do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord of their life.

(G) We're afraid God may ask us to do something we don't want to do.

(H) We are not sure that God has our best interest at heart. Jeremiah 29:11.

(III) _____ IF JESUS IS LORD OF MY LIFE?

(A) We show our love for Jesus by obeying His commands. **John 14:15,21, 23.**

(B) We must read the Word of God, see what God's will is for our lives and then we must do it. **James 1:22-25.**

(IV) _____ OF PUTTING CHRIST FIRST IN MY LIFE?

(A) 1 Peter 3:15-16

(B) Romans 12:1-2

(C) Romans 6:22

(D) The Lordship of Jesus Christ is the most crucial issue of any Christian's life. We are all aware of those around us who are reaping in their lives the by-products of their lack of

obedience. Jesus has our best interests at heart. We must give Him our entire life and we must live only for Him daily. Only then will we experience the full life that He has promised us. As we continually confess Jesus Christ as Lord of our lives, we are assured of true faith living in our hearts. (Romans 10:9-10)

(V) MAKING HIM LORD BY

(A) _____ - A tenth of all income given to God for furthering His work in this world.

1) **Genesis 14:18-20** - Abram gives a tenth of everything.

2) **Leviticus 27:30** - A tenth of everything belongs to God.

3) **Proverbs 3:9** - Honor the Lord with the first fruits.

4) **Malachi 3:10** - Flood Gates open when we tithe

(B) _____ : Above and beyond the tenth.

1) **II Corinthians 9:6-7** - attitude: cheerful, not reluctantly.

2) **Matthew 10:8** - freely you have received, freely give.

3) **Luke 16:10-13** - trusted servants

(VI) MAKING HIM LORD BY

(A) SERVICE

1) **Matthew 26:7-9** - wasting perfume?

2) **I Peter 4:11** - serving in God's power.

3) **Luke 4:39** - at once she waited on Him.

4) **John 13:4-5** - our example washes feet.

(VII) REVIEW OF WORSHIPPING HIM BY MAKING HIM LORD

- 1) God wants a people who want Him.
- 2) Selfishness and greed are taught and learned. God wants to break into these areas of our lives and free us from ourselves by instituting giving and service.
- 3) God desires us to serve Him and others in "His power".
- 4) God is looking for wise servants.
- 5) Serving and giving should be a joy, continually.
- 6) Everyone in God's family has a job and responsibility.

