



SONLIGHT

THE NATURE OF CORPORATE WORSHIP

Corporate Worship is:

- (1) *The Communal*
- (2) *Glorifying of God*
- (3) *by being satisfied in Him, (4) through the Gospel, by means of*
- (5) *word, (6) prayer,*
- (7) *song & (8) sacrament,*
- (9) *for the sanctification of the church & (10) the flourishing of all people and things.*

1) THE COMMUNAL

a. Hebrews 10:23 – 24

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

b. Matthew 18:20

²⁰ For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

c. Acts 2:1

¹ When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

2) GLORIFYING OF GOD

a. Leviticus 10:3

³ “This is what the LORD said: “Among those who approach me I will be proved holy; in the sight of all the people I will be honored.”

b. Isaiah 42:12

Let them give glory to the LORD and proclaim his praise in the islands.

c. Psalm 29:1 - 2

Ascribe to the LORD, O sons of the mighty, Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due to His name; Worship the LORD in holy array.

3) BY BEING SATISFIED IN HIM

a. Psalm 37:4

Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

b. Matthew 11:28

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

c. John 6:35

Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

d. Psalm 63:1 – 4

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

² So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. ³ Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

⁴ So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

e. Psalm 84:1 – 4

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! ² My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. ³ Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. ⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise.

f. Psalm 100:1 - 2

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! ² Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!





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4) THROUGH THE GOSPEL

a. Romans 1:15

I am eager to preach the gospel to you...

b. 2 Timothy 4:2

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ² preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

c. Isaiah 61:3

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, Because the LORD has anointed me To bring the Gospel to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to captives And freedom to prisoners; To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, To grant those who mourn in Zion, Giving them a garland instead of ashes, The oil of gladness instead of mourning, The mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting So they will be called oaks of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.

d. Acts:2 – 42 – 43

⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe[a] came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.

e. 1 Corinthians 1:17 – 18

For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not in cleverness of speech, so that the cross of Christ would not be made void. For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

5) BY MEANS OF THE WORD

a. Acts 15:35

But Paul and Barnabas stayed in Antioch, teaching and preaching with many others also, the word of the Lord.

b. Romans 10:17

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

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d. Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

6) BY MEANS OF PRAYER

a. Acts 4:31

³¹ After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.



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c. Colossians 4:2

Devote yourselves to prayer. Be alert and thankful when you pray.

d. 1 Timothy 2:8

Therefore, I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without being angry or argumentative.

7) BY MEANS OF SONG

a. Psalm 100:1 – 2

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! ² Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

b. Psalm 146:2

I will praise the LORD as long as I live, singing praises to my God while I exist.

c. Isaiah 49:13

Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the LORD hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted.

d. Colossians 3:16

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8) BY MEANS OF SACRAMENTS

a. Acts:2:42 – 43

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b. Luke 22:19

And Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

c. 1 Corinthians 11:23 – 26

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." [f] ²⁵ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

d. Acts 20:7

On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight.





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e. Matthew 28:18 - 20

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

9) FOR THE SANCTIFICATION OF THE CHURCH

a. Ephesians 5:25 – 27

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

b. 2 Corinthians 7:1

Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

c. 2 Corinthians 3:18

¹⁸ And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.

d. Colossians 1:28

We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ.

10) FOR THE FLOURISHING OF ALL PEOPLE AND THINGS

e. Matthew 28:16 - 20

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

f. Matthew 22:36 – 40

³⁶ “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” ³⁷ And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

g. Luke 4:18

The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free.

h. Revelation 21:5

And He who sits on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new “ And He said, “Write, for these words are faithful and true.”