

Worshipping Together

- The essence of the Christian life can be summed up in two words: "love affair".
- You were created for God's pleasure and as an object of his love. 📖 Matthew 22:37
- The Bible word for expressing love to God: worship. 📖 Revelation 5:11-13

1 By Singing to Him.

A. Faith & music. 📖 Psalm 147:7; 66:1

B. The command to sing. 📖 Psalm 66:8; 95:1

- ◇ You need truth and principles for your head and music for your heart.

Regularly? Occasionally? Rarely?

2 By Talking to Him.

A. The key to relationships: communication

- ◇ God communicates to us through His Word.
- ◇ We communicate with God through prayer.

B. What do we talk to God about? 📖 Psalm 116:1-2

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3 By Publicly Identifying with Him.

A. The fellowship of the unashamed. 📖 Rom 1:16; Matt 5:14-15

- ◇ Christianity is a public faith. 📖 Mark 8:38

B. Jesus understood the power of symbolism.

■ Baptism. 📖 Acts 2:41

- ◇ It's a profession of faith.
- ◇ It's a picture of what happens to you. 📖 Colossian 2:12
- ◇ It symbolizes your new life in Christ. 📖 Galatians 3:27

■ The Lord's Table. 📖 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Jesus Christ paid for three things in your life.

- ◇ He paid for your forgiveness
- ◇ Jesus Christ paid for your freedom
- ◇ Jesus Christ has paid for your future

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4 By Being Committed to Him.

A. Corporate commitments. 📖 Joshua 24:20-25

B. Love is about commitment. 📖 2 Chronicles 16:9a

What does it mean to be fully committed to God?

- ◇ Giving my life to Jesus Christ
- ◇ Committing my life to the body of Christ and joining a local church
- ◇ Choosing to grow spiritually and become more like Jesus Christ
- ◇ Using my talents and gifts in helping others.
- ◇ Sharing the Good News with other people 📖 Romans 12:1

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5 By Giving to Him.

A. The first Christians were givers and they did it together.

📖 Acts 4:32-35

B. You can give without loving but you can't love without giving.

- ◇ Giving, at its core, is the essence of love. 📖 2 Corinthians 8:7-8
- ◇ There are two kinds of people: cheerful givers and fearful givers.

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