



# “iCommit: To Worship”

## Part 3



Acts 2:42



# Defining Commitment:



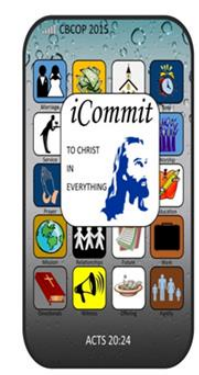
∞ Noun, 'The state or quality of being dedicated to a cause, activity.'

# I. Introduction:

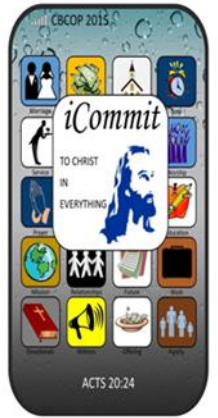
## What do we do with our hands during worship?



- ✻ Psalms 47:1 says, “Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.”
- ✻ In 1 Timothy 2:8, we read, “I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing.”
- ✻ Ephesians 5:19, “Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord.”
- ✻ John 4:24 says, “God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.”







# I. Definition:



☞ What is your definition of worship?

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☞ What is your personal definition of worship?

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**'Worship shows us of our position before God and His worthiness and His position above us.'**



# I. Definition:



☞ “Let us restrict ourselves for the moment to corporate worship. Although there are things that can be done to enhance corporate worship, there is a profound sense in which excellent worship cannot be attained merely by pursuing excellent worship. In the same way that, according to Jesus, you cannot find yourself until you lose yourself, so also you cannot find excellent corporate worship until you stop trying to find excellent corporate worship and **pursue God himself**...We focus on God himself, and thus we become more godly and learn to worship – and collaterally we learn to edify one another, forbear with one another, challenge one another.”

(D.A. Carson, ‘Worship by the Book’)



# I. What worship is **not**:



- ❧ 1. A performance.
- ❧ 2. A sing- along.
- ❧ 3. A search for an 'emotional , religious buzz'.

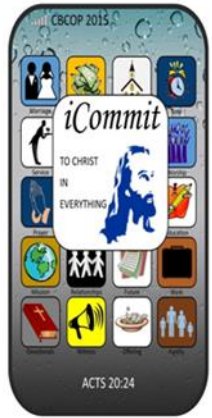


# A search for an 'emotional , religious buzz'.



✧ "The most common mistake Christians make in worship today is seeking an experience rather than seeking God. They look for a feeling, and if it happens, they conclude that they have worshiped. Wrong!" (Rick Warren)





# What Worship is :

## John 4:1-26

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- ✧ The foundation of worship is salvation through Jesus Christ (John 4:10-15).
- ✧ A person seeking God is receptive to God's instruction and can discern basic truth (John 4:16-19).
- ✧ A person seeking God will question their prior worship practices (John 4:20-22).
- ✧ A believer will worship God in Spirit and truth (John 4:23-24).
- ✧ A believer will share what they have learned with others (John 4:25-42).



# III. What worship is:



- ❧ Ascribing Worth to God.
- ❧ With ALL of our being.
- ❧ Focused Exclusively on the Lord.
- ❧ A sacrifice of Praise.



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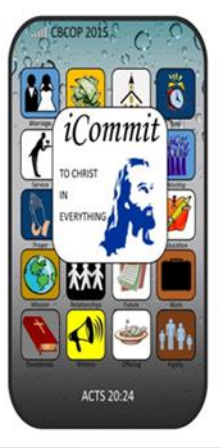
☞ The Four Elements of Worship from Acts 2:42:

1. Apostle's teaching
2. Fellowship
3. Breaking of Bread
4. Prayer

# Takeaways from 'iCommit to Worship' series:



1. How to make worship, a non-negotiable priority in my life.
2. How do we get our hearts and minds in the right place for worship?
3. What does it mean to 'worship in spirit'...
4. What does it mean to 'worship in truth'...
5. Our worship is only as good as our preparation (in heart& mind) to worship Him.



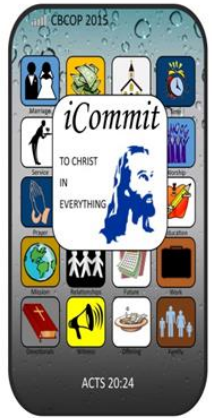


# Conclusion: How do we prepare for Worship?

☞ Prepare to Receive

☞ Prepare to Respond

☞ Prepare to Edify Others



# Reflection Questions:



1. The test of the Spirit: **Love , Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control.**

i.e. Does our worship produce **Love**, instead of hatred? Does our worship produce **Joy**, instead of murmuring? Does our worship produce **Peace**, instead of anxiety? Etc....