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STUDY 07

SIMPLICITY IN THE WORSHIP

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They did not use musical instruments in worship. They were introduced much later - into the west. God has asked us to praise him in song. He has not asked Christians to worship with musical instruments.

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.

We must concentrate on worshipping both spiritually and correctly. That is what God wants.

John 4:23 But the hour comes, and is now, when the true worshippers will worship the Father **in spirit and in truth**: for **the Father seeks such to worship him**. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him **in spirit and in truth**.

They would also read the scriptures and have teaching from the word of God.

Acts 20:7 And upon the first day of the week ... Paul preached to them ...

Acts 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in: the apostles' teaching ...

1 Corinthians 14:26 ... when you come together, each has a psalm, has a teaching ...

Colossians 4:16 And when this letter is read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and that you likewise read the letter from Laodicea.

1 Thessalonians 5:27 I charge you by the Lord that this letter be read to all the holy brethren.

That meeting was called "the breaking of the loaf".

Acts 2:42 And they continued steadfastly **in: ... the breaking of the loaf ...**

There might also be other meetings for prayer and study but the meeting for "the breaking of the loaf" was specifically observed as a group, once every week.

Taking part in this ceremony does not get forgiveness of sins. On the contrary, it is vital to be in the right frame of heart and mind before taking part.

1 Corinthians 11:27 Therefore whoever eats this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. 28 But a man must examine himself, and in that manner eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. 29 For he who eats and drinks unworthily, eats and drinks damnation to himself, not appreciating the Lord's body.

Even under the Old Covenant, differences had to be sorted out first.

Matthew 5:23 ... if you bring your gift to the altar, and there you remember that your brother has something against you; 24 Leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

When Christians sin they do not need to be re-baptized. They should repent and pray to the Lord Jesus. He is the Advocate with the Father - no one else

1 John 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. 2:1 My little children, I write these things to you, so that you do not sin. Yet if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: 2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

TEST EXERCISE

Write a letter to your friend explaining from the Bible what you have learned about the Lord's supper as well as when it was observed and what else they did when they met together.
