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## **“Spiritual & Truth Filled Worship!”** **Ephesians 5:18 & Colossians 3:16**

- \* The Samaritan style of worship was done in ignorance.
- \* The Jews had the opposite situation. They accepted all the books of the Old Testament. They had the truth but lacked the spirit.
- \* Jerusalem had the truth but not the spirit. \* Gerizim had the spirit but not the truth.
- The Father seeks both enthusiasm and orthodoxy, spirit and truth.**

### **I. WORSHIP IN SPIRIT** \*JOHN 4:24 \*EPHESIANS 5:18

1. The word “spirit” in verse 24 refers to the human spirit, the inner person.  
Worship is to flow from the inside out.
2. Paul understood that kind of worship. \*Romans 1:9
3. David also worshiped God in his spirit. \* Psalm 45:1 , \* Psalm 103, \* Psalm 51  
The proof of the reality of his repentance was his broken and contrite heart,  
not the burnt offerings he gave. \*Psalm 51:15

We may worship imperfectly but we cannot worship insincerely.  
**As we come to worship God it must be from the depth of what is within us.**

### **II. HOW TO HAVE A WORSHIPING SPIRIT** \*JAMES 4:8

- #1. First of all we must be yielded to the Holy Spirit. \*1 Cor. 2:11; 12:3
- #2. Second, if we are to worship in spirit, our thoughts must be centered on God.

\*Meditation is just focusing the whole mind on one subject, concentrating reason, imagination, and emotion on one reality. \*Psalm 19:14  
God’s Spirit teaches us truth from the Word as we study and meditate on it prayerfully.

- #3. Third, To worship in spirit, then, we must have an undivided heart.  
\*Without a united heart, worship is impossible. \*Psalm 86:11; 57:7; 108:1
- #4. Finally, we must be repentant. All sin must be dealt with. \*Psalm 139:23-24

**Q.** David couldn’t fully understand his own heart, can you?  
*“We all have blind spots and deficiencies only God knows. We ask Him to cleanse out every corner of our lives—and then the flow of worship can occur.”*

### **III. THE MAIN HINDRANCE** *There is only one hindrance to worshiping in spirit—Self!!!*

**No one can worship in spirit until he dies to the flesh.** Jesus described it as denying self. We must set self aside—die to self—and be lost in worshiping God.  
Then we will know what it is to experience *Spiritual & Truth filled Worship!*

### **IV. WORSHIP IN TRUTH** \*Psalm 145:18 \*Colossians 3:16 \*Nehemiah 8

\*Truth is the prerequisite to acceptable worship. \*Psalm 86:11; John 17:17, 18:38  
**The challenge of the pulpit is to bring the people to the place of worship as a way of life.**  
**“The nature of worship, then, is to offer God worship from the depths of our inner beings in praise, prayer, song, giving, and living, always based upon His revealed truth.”**



# WORSHIP THE LORD!

