

# Let us Return to the Lord : Restoration of Worship



## 1. Praise

'10,000 Reasons' [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXDGE\\_IRIOE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXDGE_IRIOE)

## 2. Prayer (by the leader or a member)

## 3. Scripture Reading : Romans 12:1-2

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

## 4. Sharing

Let us reflect on our attitude of worship for the past month (1-not doing well; 5-doing well)

Location	1	2	3	4	5
Time	1	2	3	4	5
Attire	1	2	3	4	5
Posture	1	2	3	4	5
Application	1	2	3	4	5

## 5. What is worship?

Worship has the meanings of 'to serve' and 'to kneel down'. And the purpose of worship is to give glory to God and offer our lives to Him. Hence, worship is kneeling before God who is our Creator, Savior, and Lord and serving Him through our lives. The term 'worship' is a combination of 'worth' and 'ship'(state/status). So, it is an act of giving the highest worth to God the Creator, Savior, and Lord.

"True worship is an act of a frail human being touched by God's grace to praise the wonderful deeds He has done, thereby encountering and being united with Him, and going into His presence." (Church Shift, p.129, by Sanghoon Lee)

## 6. What is missional worship?

"Missional worship leads one to embrace the heart of God towards the world, and to participate in the mission of God in his/her everyday life." (Church Shift, p.130, Sanghoon Lee)

"Not only should we live and worship in ways that draw people in, but we also should do everything we can to make our worship and message intelligible to them." (Gaining by Losing, p.88, J.D. Greear)

## 7. Background

In Romans 1-11, Paul explains sin, salvation, sanctification, the sovereignty of God, and what God has done through Jesus Christ. Then in chapter 12 he explains how the Christian should live a life worthy of the gospel in light of God's mercy and compassion that one has experienced. Along with the messages of the Christian's duty before God and the Christian life, Paul teaches on loving one another and on one's social duties. The passage is important in that 1) it teaches that Christian ethics begins with the relationship with God, and that 2) it emphasizes on the importance of building a community, as the Body of Christ, that loves God and the neighbors. In this context, Romans 12:1-2 speaks on worship that involves the entirety of person and life, that is, a life of worship. True worship that God requires is possible when we live every moment for God and live a Christ-centered life. Such is the attitude of the true Christian who has experienced God's grace.

## 8. Dive into Scripture

1) What does the passage have to say about 'true and proper worship' (ESV: spiritual worship)?

2) What does it mean by 'offering as living sacrifice'? (v.1)

3) What should we specifically do to worship? (v.2)

a. Not conform to the pattern of this \_\_\_\_\_

b. Be \_\_\_\_\_ by the renewing of one's \_\_\_\_\_

4) What is the purpose and result of it all? (v.2)

Be able to test and approve what God's will is - his \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ will

## 9. Applying into our lives

1) Have I been offering worship that pleases God? What are some things that hinder you from giving a true and proper worship?

2) What are some changes/improvements that you can make to become a worshipper in your daily life and to return to the Lord?

## 10. Chodae Community Church Worship Services

[Sunday Services] 1<sup>st</sup> - 7:50am / 2<sup>nd</sup> - 9:35am / 3<sup>rd</sup> - 11:35am (English, Korean)

[Friday Service] 8pm

[Early Morning Service] Mon-Fri 5:40am, Sat 6:10am

[Wednesday Women's Service] 10am

### Pray together

1) Let's pray for the families in the small group with the shared prayer requests.

2) Let's pray for the church, for all the worship services, and for the Senior Pastor.