

## **Bible Study – Godly Conduct For Attending Worship Service** **Pastor Charles A. Hall – December 19, 2024**

**Worship Service:** Is a reverential response to God's **magnificence, a gesture of respect**. In Hebrew, the word worship means to bow down.

**Code of Conduct:** Biblical standards for behavior. To live a life that is consistent with biblical scripture.

As we begin this study let us first remember that the church is a gathering of God's children, brothers and sisters in Christ, who are called to unity in the love for God and one another. Since the church belongs to God, it seems appropriate that God would set a code of conduct for His church when they come together to worship Him. The word of God provides instructions on how members of the body of Christ should behave themselves when they come together to worship and praise God. When the individual members come together, they become the body of Christ which is the pillar and foundation of truth. If the members and their affairs do not conform to the standard of God, then the church is out of line with God.

- **1 Timothy 3:14-15** (14) These things I write unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly: (15) But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

The word of God instructs Christian's to cultivate and maintain a discipline mind set, and to avoid anything that would cause mental or spiritual intoxication. As Christians our minds should be focused on Jesus, and the grace He has given us. As born-again believers, we should not conduct our selves in the same way we did when we were in the world, and were unaware of God's ways. However, now that we have been saved from the bondage of this world by the grace of a Holy and righteous God, we should strive to be holy and righteous as well.

- **1 Peter 1:13-16** (13) Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; (14) As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: (15) But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; (16) Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

The church service as well as our daily lives should reflect the unity of the holy spirit. As born-again members of the body of Christ our conduct and behavior should always be led and guided by the holy spirit. We must strive to live and act in a manner that is worthy of our new call or vocation which is our divine call or invitation which summoned us to salvation. In other words we should be acting like we are free, rather than acting like we were still on death row.

- **Ephesians 4:1-7** (1) I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, (2) With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; (3) Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (4) There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; (5) One Lord, one faith, one baptism, (6) One God and Father of all,

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who is above all, and through all, and in you all. (7) But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

In order to establish and maintain true fellowship in the church body the members must be spirit-filled, which fosters an atmosphere of love and respect. This can only occur if everyone communicates with each other in love, which will strengthen the entire body. The actions and decisions of the church body should be based on faith, and should always be for the good of the gospel. The gospel should never be compromised for the sake of any individual member. Observing to biblical truth must supersede human thoughts, desire or wants.

- **Philippians 1:27** Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

A very important responsibility of the church is to know how to speak and behave toward unbelievers, without missing the opportunity to share the gospel. We should always respond to unbelievers with grace, so that our responses will align with the holy spirit. We must have a caring spirit toward those that are lost and are still living in darkness, that we might have an opportunity to lead them into the light of Jesus. We must learn how to love the sinner and to hate the sin.

- **Colossians 4:5-6** (5) Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. (6) Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.
- **1John 4:7-8** (7) Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. (8) He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

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### **A Special Reminder for this Sunday December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**

- **The children ministry will present a short program during morning service.**
- **Light fellowship meal immediately after morning service.**