

## New Expression

*Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!*

*<sup>7</sup>For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.*

**Psalm 95:6-7**

Once we've committed to our new beginning through our relationship with Jesus we have so much to work out in our lives.

- The enemy's scars.
- The routine of wrong decisions.
- The litany of times we've let God down.

And looking back on our previous tendencies, before Christ, we have a lot to be thankful for!

It is He who has saved us! We had nothing to do with our Fresh New Life!

So let us all develop a fresh new way of expressing our gratitude – WORSHIP!

**“Worship is celebrating the greatness of God.”**

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I found this description last Sunday on one of our grandkids Sunday School activity pages. <sup>i</sup>

I am reminded that God's greatest work is best highlighted up against the failures of our humanity.

**The FOUNDATION of True Worship.**

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**John 4:23-24**

“... true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

## Worship TRANSPARENTLY.

God is looking for people who are open and honest with Him (“*in spirit and truth*”) – this is the foundation of true worship!

## Worship TOGETHER.

### Ephesians 5:18b-21

“... **be filled with the Spirit,** <sup>19</sup> *addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,* <sup>20</sup> *giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,* <sup>21</sup> *submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.*”

God wants us to allow the Holy Spirit to continue in us as we began in Him **with utterances of praise.**

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“*Submitting to one another*” indicates that worshippers should understand the roles of leadership and give due respect to those considered worthy of their calling.

## The SACRIFICE of True Worship

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### Romans 12:1-2

*"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to...*

*"... **present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.***

*<sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."*

As you worship you are,

- abstaining from conforming to the standards of the world,
- allowing the spiritual work of God to renew you mind,
- making you able to discern God's good, acceptable, and perfect will for your life.

## The final INVITATION!

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Make your Fresh New Expression to God:

### Psalm 100

*"Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!*

*<sup>2</sup> Serve the LORD with gladness!*

*Come into his presence with singing!*

*<sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD, he is God!*

*It is he who made us, and we are his;<sup>[a]</sup>*

*we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

*<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving,*

*and his courts with praise!*

*Give thanks to him; bless his name!*

*<sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good;*

*his steadfast love endures forever,*

*and his faithfulness to all generations."*

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<sup>i</sup> The Gospel Project, Sunday School handout, the "Younger Kids Activity Page", Unit 5, Session 4.