

TOGETHERNESS IN WORSHIP

Introduction

- 1) **Hebrews 10:25** – not forsaking the *assembling together* of ourselves
 - a) *episunagoge* – a gathering together
 - b) Also, *sunerchomai* – to come together (1 Cor. 14:23, 26; 11:18ff)
- 2) Our worship is to be done *together* – each individual Christian worshipping together with other Christians who have gathered for the same purpose
- 3) We are not to be onlookers watching or listening as others worship, or an audience to be entertained by the “worship” of others
 - a) Consider the worship “together” of those before the heavenly throne of God (Rev. 5:8-14)
- 4) This lesson will examine the worship that we are to do *together* in the assembly

I) **SINGING**

- A) Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16
 - 1) Speaking, teaching, and admonishing *one another* by singing
 - 2) This necessitates that you *and* I both sing – if I sing alone and admonish only you, how can we truly admonish one another *together* in song?
- B) Choirs, solos, and the like would not fulfill the “togetherness” of our singing, but depart from the revealed will of God – let us all sing together and to one another

II) **PRAYER**

- A) Public prayer involves the thoughts and minds of all gathered together (1 Cor. 14:15-16)
- B) The one leading prayer “leads” the thoughts of everyone together unto God
 - 1) Wandering minds and other activities during prayer in the assembly defeat the purpose of praying “together” and being able to say “Amen”

III) **LORD’S SUPPER**

- A) 1 Corinthians 11:17-21, 33 – to be partaken of in proper manner and *together*
 - 1) Not taken out of the assembly into homes or on outdoor trips – not assembled as a church
- B) Communion of the body and blood of Christ unites us in a spiritual body (1 Cor. 10:16-17)

IV) **PREACHING/TEACHING**

- A) 1 Timothy 4:6 – instruction to brethren and nourishment for preacher/teacher
 - 1) All hear, study, and apply word *together* (2 Tim. 2:15; 2:2); no theatrics or entertainment

V) **GIVING**

- A) 1 Corinthians 16:2 – “each one (singular) of you (plural)”; individuals acting *together*

VI) **TOGETHERNESS in Our Worship Demonstrates our Unity in Christ**

- A) Peaceful, decent, and orderly worship results from all following the pattern of God’s will *together* as a church (1 Cor. 14:33, 40)
- B) Jesus prayed that we would be one – unified *together* in mind and action (Jn. 17:20-23; 1 Cor. 1:10); this is necessary to be able to stir up and exhort one another (Heb. 10:24-25)
 - 1) Failure to be “together” will disturb our worship and faith – such as someone who wants the preeminence, murmurers, non-involveds, hit and miss attenders, etc.

Conclusion

If we are faithful to be “**gathered together**” here on earth to worship God, we can look forward in hope to a future “gathering together” to our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Thess. 2:1; 1 Thess. 4:17). That will be a gathering together to last forever – what eternal bliss! Are you ready for that gathering? Obey Jesus now and worship God faithfully!