

# Heart of Worship

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**Scripture:** Romans 12:1, Mark 8:34, Philippians 2:3, Galatians 2:20, Matthew 16:24

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## Transcript

People come to church or go to Christian gatherings with the frame of reference as to what they're going to get. We have gathered here not for us, not for me to get something. What is worship? It is giving worth, honor, homage to someone other than us.

It so happened our worship is not to any man or any object or anything but it is Him, the Lord Jesus Christ. It's more wonderful to believe having not seen. So our gathering makes, our worship makes authentic and real and biblical.

When we come, we go to church, we go to worship not for getting rid of our anxieties and problems and sorrows and find some answer to our current dilemma. Thousand needs, felt needs we have and church service can become another shopping mall, another bazaar we go to get something for us. So the gifts becomes more important than the giver that we are called to be His and He said if you will want to be mine, you have to give up everything else and only seek me.

Unless you love me more than your own self, you cannot be my follower. You know what He's asking us basically is to share in His suffering and death and nothingness but in the midst of this God is looking for a

mighty minority that actually are committed to know Him and to be His. People sit in the service or go to these meetings, they're waiting for some thunderbolt, some shocking thing to happen, some extracurricular activities, some new knowledge or some feelings but God says I thought you came here to offer your body, your life as a living sacrifice.

I thought you came here to find out what it means to give yourself away. I thought you came here to pray intercede with a broken heart for somebody standing next to you or somebody who may be hurting. I thought you came here to be part of the body that is active and alive and giving not just taking because that is cancerous and so you go away just as you came and so we have a moral obligation to make this decision saying that no I want to go to church today to bless someone.

I want to go to church today to bless the Lord. I want to go to church today so I can give my worship to Him. I want to go today regardless of my feelings or what I hear that I'm going to church today because I'm going to just sit there, I'm going to pray for the individual who minister God's work.

I'm going to sit there and pray on behalf of the worship team. I'm going to pray for people come to know the Lord. So today I'm going to give myself completely because today my hands are Christ's hands, my legs are His legs, my eyes His eyes, my tears His tears and His dreams and ambitions He realizes incarnate today through my earthen vessel so I want to be completely His.

So what happened? The promise then comes true. You want to find life? You find it by giving it away. You want to be the number one? Become the servant of all.

The real problem is there is an enemy that is 100 times more powerful than us put together. The name of the enemy is self-centeredness.

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