

Prayers.

Winifred and her family.

Agnes

Trevor; Irene.

Margaret and John.

Roy and Beryl.

Joel's work in India

Joyce and her son
Keith.

Fummi

Val, Daryl and family

Blossom and her Family

Roy

Those have Fallen
Away

To all our members who
are not here for one
reason or another.

That God may open
people's hearts to the
gospel and that God will
add to our number.

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The Sacrifice of Praise

As Christians, we praise God. We do so in spoken word, in song, and in other worship. Do we understand what it means to praise God? Do we know what we are doing when we offer "the sacrifice of praise?"

In the Old Testament, there are different Hebrew words for "praise." These different words indicate slight changes of meaning. There are at least five concepts behind the words for praise: thanksgiving, joy or rejoicing, adoration or worship, blessing and boasting. When we praise God, we do these things.

1) When we praise God we give thanks. The Bible is filled with the language of gratitude. Psalm 106:1 reads "Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever." Hebrews 13:15 also teaches the relationship between thanksgiving and praise: "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name." Undoubtedly, praise involves thanksgiving.

2) Praise also involves joy. Psalm 98:4 declares, "Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud

noise, and rejoice, and sing praise." In Luke 19:37 we see the two concepts used to extol Jesus in the triumphal entry. The text says, "...the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen." When the Christian appropriately praises the Lord, he does so with joy in his heart.

3) The concept of praise means we also love. We can see the love for God of Paul and Silas as they sang praises in the jail at Philippi (Acts 16:25). The man at the gate called Beautiful no doubt was filled with love for God when he was healed. The text says, "And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God" (Acts 3:8). Love and praise go hand in hand.

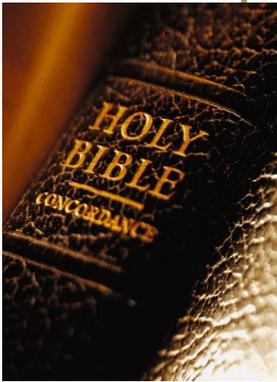
4) Blessing is also involved in praise. Psalm 145 is a song of praise. It declares: "Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever" (145:2). "All thy works shall praise thee, O LORD; and thy saints shall bless thee" (145:10). "My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and

ever" (145:21). When we praise God, we bless God as well.

5) When we praise God we boast of His greatness. The Psalmist writes, "In God we boast all the day long, and praise thy name for ever" (Psalm 44:8). Consider Paul's words in Romans 11:33 "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!" Here is a praise of exclamation that boasts of God's greatness. God is truly worthy of our boasting. Jeremiah wrote by inspiration, "But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD" (Jeremiah 9:24).

Praising God is an important part of the faithful Christian's life. Let's resolve to know what we are doing when we offer praise to God. It will both improve our worship and our spiritual lives.

Bible Studies for the Week of Nov 25th, 2007



AM Sermon..... Peculiar People (Trevor)
 Scripture Reading for Sermon Titus 2:13-14.
 Adult Bible Study No Study; Study at 6PM.
 Scripture Reading for service..... Daniel 7:1-14; Revelation 1
 Sunday School Class..... No Details Given
 Thursday Night Class Daniel (Trevor)
 Ladies Bible Class No Details Given
 Men's Bible Class

Loving Christians Attend Worship

“Why are these people so insistent on going to worship?”



Loving Christians want to be at church every time the congregation meets. They love worshipping God and being with others who worship him. They don't allow other activities in their schedule to keep them from attending. They even don't allow out-of-town visitors to keep them from worship. They want to be with Christians in worship even when they are away from home. They try to find a congregation and worship wherever they go.

Why are these people so insistent on going to worship? Here are four reasons:

First, they desire to express their love to God. Worship is one of the means we say to God, "I love you!" When we worship, we are meeting with God. Matthew

18:20 reminds us that wherever two or three are gathered together, "there am I in the midst of them." When the church meets, God meets with them.

Second, they believe being with the church glorifies God. Psalm 29:2 says, "Give unto the Lord the glory due His name; Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." There is a difference between a person who claims to follow Christ and one who publicly meets with his saints. Those who attend show their love and loyalty to the Lord; and those who forsake the assembling give their support to other things.

Third, attending worship is an interactive experience between believers. In Hebrews 10:24, the writer encourages us "to stimulate one another to love and

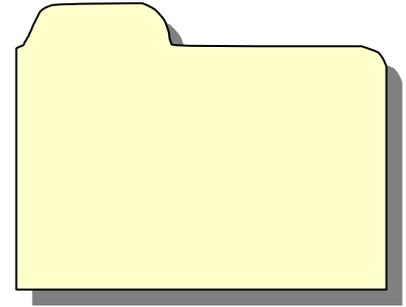
good works." The example of love shown by other Christians makes our own hearts bolder to love and to do more.

Fourth, worship builds us up in Christ. William Temple said, "To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God." The more we give our hearts to God, the more we grow in faith and love, the more we become like God, and the more we are willing to serve God before other.

Let's determine to be loving Christians and attend worship at every opportunity.

For The Files: Week Beginning November 18th 2007

Sunday Bible Class.....	10
Sunday AM Worship.....	26
Sunday School.....	5
Sunday Prayer Time	10
Tuesday Night Study - Once in the Month.....	
Thursday Evening Study	5
Contribution.....	£187.00
Budget.....	£100.00.



Ricci's Corner. (Signs on the Road of Life)

Personal Thoughts and Actions for the Week

“We know we live in Him and He in us because He has given us of His Spirit. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. In this way love is made complete among us so that we have confidence on the day of judgement, because in this world we are like him. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love” (1Jn 4:13, 15-18). Do I remember this applies to me as a Christian? *“It is never too late to start...”*

Can we imagine what travelling would be like without road signs to help us along the way? The way to life as described in the Bible has many road signs that we need to understand and

heed.

Obey All Traffic Signs — UK Law. God does not make laws for us to pick and choose and obey selectively. To break one is to be guilty of all of them. Obey the Lord's commandments.

This is Heaven's law. **Stop.** Those who run the spiritual stop signs of life risk hurting themselves and others. When the Lord says stop, we'd better not run the stop signs. Even when we are tempted to do wrong, stop! "Stop" does not mean slow down. It means stop. **Slow.** We get too impatient in life. Watch your speed. You will make wiser decisions and improve your chance of survival if you just slow down when time and circumstances call for it. **Do Not Enter.** There are some areas of life where Christians must not be. Do not even start into these areas. Leave them alone.

Wrong Way. This sign means that you are headed toward a deadly encounter if you do not make some changes quickly.

Turn Back. If you are going the wrong way, turn back before it is too late.

Keep Left. The twenty-one epistles of the New Testament were written to

Life eternal, and it is not a two-way street. Wise, travellers get in that way and go with the flow that leads to Heaven. As the song says, "No turning back, no turning back."

Yield. The Christian learns to yield. First, he yields to God because God has the right of way. Then he learns to yield to others in matters of judgment so that the church can work together as a mighty team. We can all have our say, but we cannot all have our way. People who do not learn to yield cause many bumper benders and smash-ups in life. We will still arrive at our destination in plenty of time, and our trip will be much more pleasant for us and others, when we learn to yield.

Brethren there is no adult bible study this morning. Tonight's Sunday study class starts at 6pm. Trevor will be taking this class. God Bless and hope to see you all later.
Ricci

“He also seeks to disorient us with his poisonous methods so that we will be easier to catch...”



IMPORTANT INFO

We are thankful to God for this new Lord's Day. It is the day we honor His Son and the Love that He has shown us through Him. Let us worship in spirit and in truth!

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Gospel Meeting Here; 08.12.07

Ladies Class; 28.11.07, 1pm-2.30pm

Ladies Meal At The Building; 10.12.07; 6-8pm.

Welcome back all those who have been away for a week.

Birthday: Non Noted.

Ask A Bible Question, Log onto;

ScripturesSay.com

God's Salvation Plan

1. **Hear** the Gospel—Romans 10:17
2. **Believe** on the Lord & His Word—Mark 16:16; John 8:24
3. **Repent** of your sins—Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30
4. **Confess** Christ—Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9
5. **Be Baptized** for the remission of sins—Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27
6. Live a **faithful**, dedicated life—Revelation 2:10; 2 Peter 1:5-10

Welcome!

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Times for Worship and Study.

Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
 Sunday Morning Bible Study.....10:00 AM
 Sunday School.....10:00 AM
 Ladies Bible Class Every Second Monday 12:30 PM
 Thursday Evening Bible Class.....7:30 PM
 Men's Bible Study Class.....First Tuesday in the Month 7:30 PM

Serving Each Other

November 25th 2007

December 2nd 2007

Sunday Morning

President

Edwin

Trevor

Preaching:

Trevor

Ricci

Opening Prayer:

Scripture Reading:

Trevor??

Norman

Lord's Table

Gareth

Eric

Norman

Edwin

Eric

Philip

Closing Prayer

Sunday, 6 PM Study

Trevor

Duties

Flowers

Rita

Val

Tea

Sue

Margaret

Building clean for Dec : 07

ALL PLEASE

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The Purpose of this congregation is to hold up the light of the GOSPEL: Rev1:20