

Faith Christian Fellowship
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A Supernatural Church
5: Supernatural Worship - Presence

TEXT: Ephesians 3:10 NLT God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display His wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. 1 Corinthians 3:17 / Ephesians 2:21-22

Contend for the supernatural: raise up and release a supernatural people, the supernatural church God intends us to be. So far: God wants to use the Church, and He has created us to be connected in order to fulfill our purpose. The supernatural church is an "us" thing, not a "me" thing. We moved past the gateway of being filled with the Spirit. A supernatural church does church supernaturally!

Church has 5 basic functions: How do we them supernaturally?

- Worship – touch God – Ephesians 5:18-19
- Pray – 1 Corinthians 14:2 / Romans 8:26
- Make Disciples (Teach) – Matthew 28:18-20
- Fellowship – build relationships - Acts 2:46 / Hebrews 10:24-25
- Do Ministry (service) – Acts 11:27-30 / Mark 16:15-21

1) What we learned about "worship?"

- a) Worship means everything we do to express the worth and worthiness of the object of our affection. You can sing and not worship. You can worship and not sing!
- b) We worship because He is worthy.
- c) Many different types of songs – psalms and hymns and spiritual songs – doctrine, celebration, worthiness, with the Spirit.
- d) New Testament worship is a matter of the heart John 4:23-24
- e) We are now the Temple of the living God. Ephesians 2:20-21 / 1 Corinthians 3:17 / 2 Corinthians 6:16

2) **Worship is not just singing:**

- a) Using instruments: Psalm 150 / 1 Chronicles 15:16-28 / etc.
- b) A joyful noise or a great shout: Psalm 100:1 (ruwa) / 1 Samuel 4:5
- c) Using the hands
 - i) Lifting the hands: Psalm 63:4 / Psalm 28:2 / Psalm 119:48 / 1 Timothy 2:8

- ii) Clapping the hands: Only one verse: Psalm 47:1. Used in rhythm with music, the hands become another percussion instrument.

d) Body positions

- i) Kneeling - Psalm 95:6 / Ephesians 3:14
- ii) Prostration - Revelation 1:17 and many others
- iii) Standing - Psalm 135:2 / Psalm 134:1

e) Dancing, leaping: 2 Samuel 6:14 Note Hebrews 12:22 We are celebrating our relationship with Jesus and have come unto Mount Zion. See also Psalm 30:11 / 149:3 / Psalm 150:4 / Acts 3:8

f) The Higgaiion describes a meditation upon the things of God accompanied by music. Psalm 92:3.

3) **Worship ushers in the tangible presence of God.**

a) God is everywhere present all the time by His Spirit. There is a special manifestation of His tangible presence unique to corporate worship. Psalm 22:3 / 2 Chronicles 5:11-13

b) Effects of the presence of God:

- i) Psalm 9:3 Enemies turn back, fall and perish. Notice also 2 Chronicles 20:1-30. / Psalm 97:5-7 / 1 Samuel 5:1-6
- ii) Psalm 16:11 A place of joy and well-being.
- iii) Psalm 31:19-20 defense against slander and lies. Ps 8:2 / Matt 21:16
- iv) Psalm 68:1-4; 8-10 The presence drives out the enemy and brings the rain to establish and refresh the people of God in the dry places. Note Acts 16:23-34.

c) **Here's the point:** When we gather as the Temple of God to worship Him, there are always those who are struggling with the assault of the enemy. We have the capacity, even the responsibility, to help usher in the tangible presence of God that brings peace, puts the enemy to flight, and stops the voice of the accuser. It is part of our ministry to one another!