

Fundamentals of the Faith
Lesson 10 – Worship (Part 1-Prayer)
Acts 2:41-42
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Thesis: I want to show some things for us to consider about prayer in worship.

Intro:

1. Prayer in worship is not the same as our private prayers.
2. Today we will look at some basic facts about prayers, including prayer in worship.

I. Prayers must be sincere

1. Reverent & sincere (devotion)
3. Have the right motive (**James 4:3**)

II. Our prayers in worship

A. Petition or Supplications

1. A petition can be defined as “an earnest request”
2. **James 4:2b**

B. Prayers should be pleading & intercessory

1. Intercessory – prayer, petition, or entreaty in favor of another
2. **Colossians 1:9**

C. Prayers can be gratitude & thanksgiving

1. Gratitude & thanksgiving should be a daily part of the Christian life.
2. **Matthew 15:36**

D. We should pray with understanding

1. Understanding what we are praying for, is it important? Why?
2. (**1 Cor 14:15**)

III. Content of Prayers in Worship

A. Forgiveness of sins

1. Forgiveness of sins for those who have repented (**Acts 8:22-24, James 5:16**)

B. The Sick

1. We pray for the restoration of good health (**James 5:14**)

C. Strength to overcome temptation

1. We pray for the strength to overcome various temptations (**Mt 6:13**)

D. Pray for everything and anything

1. We can pray for anything (**Phil 4:6**)

E. Pray for God’s Will to be done.

1. **Matthew 6:10b**

F. Pray with God’s people

1. In our prayers in worship we pray with God’s people not for God’s people.
2. We should remember we are “leading” the prayer. Thus, we pray “we pray...” not “I pray...”

Conc:

1. God will answer our prayers if we pray in faith (**Mt 21:22**)
2. We should pray intensely, that is we pray with purpose (**Mt 7:7-11**)

Hear

Romans 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Believe

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever + in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Repent

Luke 13:3

I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

Confess

Rom 10:9 — Rom 10:10

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Be baptized

Acts 2:38

Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 22:16

And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.’

Remain Faithful

Revelation 2:10

Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.