

## **Why Wednesday Matters**

### **3-8-15 AM**

Not everything is worship. This idea is one that is sometimes lost on the world around us, particularly by those who believe that it is not necessary to differentiate what is done in an assembly of Christians and what we do alone every day. In fact, many use this man-made indistinction as an excuse to miss the worship assembly of Saints. They would say “I worship God every day, what makes one special?” Thus man makes away to break the law of God.

Specifically, when we refer to worship, we refer to what we accomplish on Sunday in the name of the Lord. The Bible identifies our actions on Sunday as a particular service that parallels the worship offered in the Old Testament. So what do we call “worship”? We identify as worship those “services” where communion occurs. Paul said in I Corinthians 11:18-20 that this was why the church came together, and then in I Corinthians 11 through chapter 14 he described unique rules to this time. Thus, we understand that this worship is different than our actions outside of the assembly. Not everything is worship.

The question then arises “what is it we are doing apart from worship”? This is our spiritual service, as spoken of in Romans 12:1-2 (and sometimes called “worship” there, depending on your translation of the New Testament). The word for service is the word “*Latricia*”, which refers to a spiritual Service offered to a divine being (from *Latris*, a servant in a religious form, similar to a Levite in the Old Testament). What is our Spiritual Service? An example would be in Ephesians 5-6, where we have laid out for us roles such as Husband, Wife, Father, Daughter, employee, employer. We could look at 1 Peter 2 or Romans 13 and add citizen too. This is the truest “personal work” a Christian must accomplish. So once more we see that not all service is worship; in fact, MOST service is not worship.

So is it possible that we think that if something is not worship, it is not required? We know that both Service AND Worship are required (We are both priests AND Levites). What might an example of this distinction be? One example is our Wednesday night study time. Many Christians say “Nothing says we have to be there” or “Wednesday is just too inconvenient” or “I don’t get anything out of it”. However, there are five very important reasons that Wednesday (and indeed, any gathering of Saints that is not “worship”) matters.

- #1 The Purpose of assembling is also to lift up others - Hebrews 10:23-25
- #2 The example of early saints meeting on Wednesday - Acts 2:46
- #3 We need to study the Bible - 2 Timothy 2:15, 1 Peter 3:15
- #4 We need to share our understanding - Titus 2:2-3
- #5 We need to show the world it is important - Titus 2:7-8

So we see that coming together apart from the time of worship matters. Our congregation offers many chances to come together. They include our Worship Service(s) and our Wednesday night Bible studies, but also include monthly ladies’ and men’s classes and group studies led by our deacons. ALL of these times are important for our spiritual growth and meeting our spiritual obligations.