

Edward Christian Church

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Worship Myths Pt 1

Praise and Worship



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Whenever God Communes With Us..

...We Respond With

Thanksgiving.. Praise ..Worship

Praise WORSHIP



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**Worship is
Honoring...**

...God for Who He *Is*

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- **Function of Our Will, Not Our Emotions**
- **When We Recognize the Greatness of God
Praise Comes Freely**

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**Truth #1:
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...the Presence of God**

- **True “*God Encounter*”**

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Rev 4:10-11, *“The four / twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever / ever, / cast Their crowns before the throne, saying, ¹¹ Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created”*

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- **Many Christians believe that they are the audience; in truth, God is the audience.(of One)**

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Truth #3:

**In Worship, the Focus is on God
(*Driven to Performance*)**

▪ **Worship is an Inside Job!**

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Isaiah 6:1-4 (KJV)

- ¹ In the year king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high /lifted up, his train filled the temple.*
- ² Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; w-twain he covered his face, /w- twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.*
- ³ And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.*
- ⁴ And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.*

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Truth #4:

**True Worship happens when we
worship in Spirit / Truth**

- **John 4:21-24. Involves: Emotion and Intellect**

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I can forget that I have a big God beside me-live in fear.

I can forget his calling /begin to live in a spirit of self-preoccupation.

I lose a sense of wonder/ gratitude/ plod through life with blinders on.

My natural tendency is toward self-reliance / stubborn independence."

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**“Worship is
forgetting about
what’s wrong with you
and remembering
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