

DON'T CALL IT WORSHIP

Has worship become a spectator event to you? Genuine worship is the outpouring of the heart of man to God. The primary Greek word for worship means to bow before, do reverence, to fall before, to show deep respect. True worship is described by the Lord in (John 4:24). "God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth". As early as (Genesis 4:1-3) we see man is a worshipping being. We also learn that true worship follows God's instructions (Hebrews 11:4). Later, Moses gave instructions from God to Israel as to how they were to live and worship (Exodus 20:1-17). It is obvious that many churches today believe you can worship anyway society orders it. Worship has become more about performance to appease the felt needs of the audience rather than focusing on God and His glory. Do you ever wonder why there are so many new things being done in the name of "worship"? Once you leave the truth of God as the divine guide for life and worship you open the door for any and every innovation. I know that some of you can't be happy with what is going on during "worship" services. It may be the best show in town but does it glorify God or pacify the people? Worship to God is an opportunity to pull away from the enticements of the world. Special lighting or special effects is all about the enticing of men not the honoring of God. Do you think God is impressed with all the gimmicks that are being used to lure "worshippers"? People are to be drawn by the love of God and the power of the cross. Worship is not about pleasing me but all about pleasing God. He, not us, is the audience during worship. Don't call it worship when it is all about the people and not about God.

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