

# WORSHIP - BELIEVERS EXPERIENCING GOD

Week Three: What is God’s Standard for Acceptable Worship

Scripture and Memory Verse: *1 Peter 2:5*

## This Week’s Questions to Answer

Each day this week you will encounter a question to answer. Take time to read the passage of Scripture that relates to the question. Work on your memory verse each week. Make life-application of the things God reveals to you. Be diligent in your studies. Complete the questions which represent each day.

1. Why does God require a sacrifice? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What kind of sacrifice does God want now? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. When does worship become the offering? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Are you a getter or a giver? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Are you accepted or rejected? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Key Point

The only standard that has remained unchanged throughout history is the standard of God’s Word. In It, God has revealed who He is and how His creatin is to relate to Him. When God speaks, that is it. There is no discussion. In His Word we find His standard for worship, and it is as unchanging as God is. Just as God is the same yesterday, today, and forever, so are His standards for worship. Though man in His sinful thinking may shape for himself a god that fits his personal standards, this does not change the only standard against which all of God’s children are judged.<sup>1</sup>

## Quote of the Week

Our quote of the week about God comes from our *Baptist Faith and Message of 2000*, “There is one and only one living and true God. He is an intelligent, spiritual, and personal

<sup>1</sup> Authors: Henry T. Blackaby & Ron Owens Publisher: LifeWay Church Resources 2001 pg.53

Being, the Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, and Ruler of the universe. God is infinite in holiness and all other perfections. God is all powerful and all knowing; and His perfect knowledge extends to all things, past, present, and future, including the future decisions of His free creatures. To Him we owe the highest love, reverence, and obedience. The eternal triune God reveals Himself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being.”<sup>2</sup>

### Reference Point

As we continue this study, we understand that God is interested in His worshippers becoming the sacrifice. (*Romans 12:1,2*) God is not interested in having control of some of our lives. He demands complete control. When we offer God our all, He releases us to experience great joy. (*Galatians 2:20*)

### Activity

Look back over our previous lessons. See if you can determine what worship God accepts and what worship God rejects. List some differences here: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Scriptures to research this week.

#### Old Testament

*Genesis 3:21; 4:4-7; 22:9; Exodus 12:3-5; 23; Leviticus 16:34; 2 Samuel 24:24; Psalm 15; 24:3-4; 27:9; 139:23-24; Isaiah 1:13-15.*

#### New Testament

*Luke 6:38; John 1:29; 3:16; Romans 12:1-5; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 1:3; 2:19-22; 5:18; Philippians 2:5; 1 Peter 1:18-23; 2:1-7; 1 John 1:9.*

### Pray

*Father, I desire for my worship to be acceptable to You - Most High. Teach me, lead me, so I may obey You with all my worship. Give me patience to learn as I mature as a Disciple of Jesus Christ. Thank You Father, in Jesus name.*

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<sup>2</sup> Southern Baptist Convention Baptist Faith and Message 2000 <https://bfm.sbc.net/bfm2000/>