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I Am Happy to Worship

"I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the LORD.'" Psalms 122:1

Do you enjoy and look forward to Bible Study and Worship? That is a personal question and one that must be considered carefully.

The church comes together each week to study the Bible together. We look into the Word of God together to learn the will of God for us collectively and individually. We read the Bible together and discuss the Scriptures so we each can have a better understanding of God's lamp to light our way. Who wouldn't enjoy that? Who doesn't want to know and understand the Word of God better? Sadly, there are many who do not enjoy the Bible Study because they fail to attend.

The church comes together each and every week to worship God together. We assemble to sing. (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16) We come together to Partake of the Lord's Supper each and every first day of the week as God has instructed. (Acts 20:7) We assemble to petition God together in prayer, asking Him to comfort the sick, help us to grow, ask for courage and so much more. We come together on the first day of the week to give of our means, again as God has commanded. (1 Corinthians 16:1-2) We also assemble to hear the preaching of God's word, preaching and teaching designed to reprove, correct, and instruct us in the way of righteousness. (2 Timothy 3:16) What Christian wouldn't want to assemble with other Christians to pay homage to God in these ways? Sadly, there are many who do not enjoy worship because they do not assemble.

"Let us hold fast the confession of *our* hope without wavering, for He who promised *is* faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:23-25

Consider these thoughts on faithfulness as well.

Faithfulness

- Is a car that starts 7 out of 10 times *faithful*?
- Is a refrigerator that only quits once a month *faithful*?
- Is your paper boy *faithful* if he only misses delivering your paper two or three times a week?
- If your hot water heater greets you with hot water 5 mornings out of 7 would you call it *faithful* - or would you call a plumber?
- If you don't come to work one or two mornings a week, would your boss consider you *faithful* - or unemployed?
- If you attend church services in a similar manner, only missing occasionally, coming most of the time ... **ARE YOU FAITHFUL?** **selected**

Are you glad to go into the house of the Lord?

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At Jesus' Feet

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As Joshua fought the Amorites, in taking the land of Canaan for Israel, five kings were trapped in a cave and captured. Joshua had the men brought forth, and said unto his chief men of war, "Come near, put your feet upon the necks of these kings" (Josh. 10:22-f) It was a graphic symbol of triumph and submission.

Later, Ruth lay at the feet of Boas (Ruth 3:1-f), giving herself to him. Mary sat at Jesus feet, and Paul was brought up "at the feet" of Gamaliel (Lk. 10:39; Acts 22:3) meaning; they submitted themselves for instruction. When the early Christians sold their possessions they "brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet" -- giving them control of the fund -- putting it at their disposal (Acts 4:34-f) (Incidentally, here is a pooled fund, with control, by which the Jerusalem church acted as one -- collectively.)

So, it came as no surprise when we read that God "put all things under His (Christ's) feet, and gave Him to be the head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him that filleth all in all." (Eph. 1:22-f) The church at Christ's feet, means He has the control -- we constitute His church only to the extent we submit ourselves to Him.

The submission must be complete. Though our submission is an act of our free will, it is as complete as that of the kings to Joshua. Paul writes, "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." (1 Cor. 6:19-f)

We must "sit at His feet" to receive instructions. In this there is submission of our will to His. Like Mary, we develop a "singleness" of heart; knowing "one thing is needful" rather than the multiple cares and distractions of this life. None who "hunger and thirst" for righteousness, "at His feet," will go unfilled. (Matt. 5:6) But the "oncer attender"--"seldom-get-to-class" "never-study-at-home" kind of church member, makes a mockery of sitting "at Jesus' feet." The meaning of the figure is completely lost on such.

When we are truly "at His feet" we consign our soul to His power and keeping. We are His to use, a "living sacrifice" (Rom. 12:1) a "bond-servant" (slave) of Christ. (1 Cor. 7:22) But we are also His to keep. "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you." There is security at the feet of Jesus, and "peace that passeth all understanding." (1 Pet. 5:6-7 Phil. 4:7)

Christ's ultimate victory will see "all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." (1 Cor. 15:25-26) And there is a triumph for Christians too, with all things "under his feet." (Heb. 2:6-f) But we can attain unto this high plane intended for us by our Maker, only as we submit to the Lord. Obedience is freely rendered by those who truly "sit at Jesus' feet.