

PLAIN SPEECH

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“Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech” (2 Cor. 3:12)

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DOES EVERYTHING WE DO CONSTITUTE WORSHIP?

Every now and again the old and familiar false doctrine which states that “*everything we do is worship*” raises its ugly and destructive head. I have heard this position pontificated more than a few times by supposed members of the church ever since I became a Christian. I must tell you, said doctrine is one of the stupidest teachings I have ever come across. Listen, despite what the innovators claim, **NOT** everything a Christian does is worship! I intend to prove such in this article.

Now don't get it twisted, I am not saying that Christians do not have to present their bodies as living sacrifices unto God, for they most certainly do (**Rom. 12:1**). I am not saying that Christians do not have to do all to the glory of God, for certainly they must (**1 Cor. 10:31**). I am not even suggesting that one cannot individually worship God apart from the assembly, nor am I affirming that one must be in a “church building” to worship Him, for both statements are not true (**Ax. 16:25**). Note: don't try to get smart here and charge me with teaching we can willfully forsake the assembly, for we cannot (**Heb. 10:25**). Yet, despite the foregoing comments, the fact remains: **NOT** everything a Christian does is worship. Keep on reading to learn why.

SCRIPTURE TEACHES PLAINLY THAT NOT EVERYTHING ONE DOES IS WORSHIP

“*And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold here I am. And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of. And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him. Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off. And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you*” (**Gen. 22:1-5**). Wait a minute, was not Abraham **already** worshipping God? The innovators cannot get around the clear import of this text; i.e. not everything one does is worship. I could stop the article right here, but I will press on.

“*And he said unto Moses, Come up unto the LORD, thou, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel; and worship ye afar off*” (**Ex. 24:1**). Wait, were they not already worshipping God according to the innovators so-called logic?

“*But when David saw that his servants whispered, David perceived that the child was dead: therefore David said unto his servants, Is the child dead? And they said, He is dead. Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the LORD, and worshipped: then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat*” (**2 Sam. 12:19-20**). Strike three.

“*Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him... And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him...*” (**Mt. 2:1-2, 11**). Strike four.

“*When he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him. And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean*” (**Mt. 8:1-2**). Strike five.

“*And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy*” (**Lk. 24:50-52**). Strike six.

“*And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship*” (**Ax. 8:27**). Strike seven. More “fastballs” could be offered up, but before I close the article let's turn our attention to...

SOME REALLY RIDICULOUS CONCLUSIONS THE INNOVATORS MUST ACCEPT IF THEY ARE RIGHT

If the innovators are right and every non-sinful activity of a Christian is worship, then there is a lot of interesting “worship” going on. Mowing the lawn is worship. Using the toilet is worship. Vomiting is worship. Procreating is worship. Watching cartoons is worship. Passing gas is worship. Watching football is worship. Playing video games is worship. C'mon folks!!!!

In conclusion, clearly the innovators are ignorant – whether willfully or not (**cf. 2 Pet. 3:5**).