

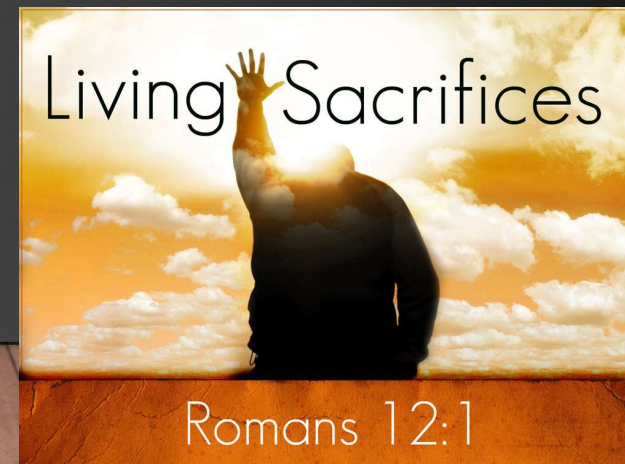


A FRESH LOOK

**NEW TESTAMENT
CONCEPTS OF
WORSHIP AND
ASSEMBLY**

WORSHIP IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

- Where is the temple in the New Testament? **We are the temple.**
- Why is the body (both us individually and the collective church) the temple? **The Holy Spirits dwells in us.**
- Who are the priests that offer the sacrifices? **We are the priests.**
- What are the sacrifices? **The way you live and good deeds.**
- When is the worship performed? **All the time.**
- What does it mean to worship in the Spirit and in Truth?
- **Jesus said the change was to be from:
Physical Symbolism to Spiritual Reality**



WHY ASSEMBLE TOGETHER?

- If all of our life is worship, what is the reason we worship together in the corporate assembly of God's people.
- Why can't we just go up on the mountain top or to our prayer closet to draw closet to God?
- If we worship God and show Him honor and respect by doing good and serving others why should we assemble?



WHY ASSEMBLE TOGETHER?

- Hebrews 10:24-25

²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

- Why does this verse say we need to assemble (meet together)?



WHY ASSEMBLE TOGETHER?

- I Corinthians 14:26

²⁶ What then, brothers? When you **come together**, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for **building up**.

- Why does this verse say we need to assemble (come together)?



ASSEMBLY WORDS

- *Sunagō* – (*sun* = together + *agō* = to bring) - “to assemble”
– “gathering together” of people or things. (Acts 11:26)
- *Sunerchoai* – (*sun* = together + *erchoai* = to come) - “to come together” – frequently us of the gathering of the local church. (1 Cor. 11:17-34; 1 Cor. 14:23, 26; Heb. 10:25)

ASSEMBLY WORDS

- *Ekklesia* – (*ek* = out + *klesis* = a calling) – An assembly (called out to assemble). Was used among the Greeks of a body of citizens “gathered” to discuss the affairs of state (Acts 19:39). A gathering of Israel. For Christians refers to a) the redeemed throughout the present era (Matt 16:18; Eph. 1:22) and b) in singular a company of professed believers in a locality and in plural churches in a district.

WHAT DID THE EARLY CHURCH DO WHEN THEY ASSEMBLED?

- Acts 2:42 - And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.
- Acts 2:44-45 - And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.
- Acts 2:46 - And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts,