

# THE FOCUS OF GATHERED WORSHIP

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The focus of our worship cannot be man, worship, a faulty view of God, or a weak or partial view of God.

**God is the focus of gathered worship. Biblical worship is unto God the Father through God the Son and by God the Spirit.**

## Unto God the Father

Philippians 1:9–11, 4:19–20

*Romans 16:27 to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.*

*Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

Ephesians 1:11

*Romans 11:36 From him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever.*

## Through God the Son

Philippians 1:11, 13, 15, 18, 20-21

Philippians 2:7–11; 3:7–8; 4:19–20

John 14:9 *Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."*

John 1:18 *No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.*

Matthew 11:27 *All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.*

2 Corinthians 4:6 *the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

John 14:6 *I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

Colossians 3:17 *And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

## **By God the Spirit**

Philippians 1:19 (John 16:7)

Philippians 1:27

Philippians 2:1–2

Fellowship = sharing \_\_\_\_\_ because of what we share  
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Philippians 3:2–8

Romans 2:29 *circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit*

John 6:63 *It is the Spirit who gives life*

Ephesians 1:17; 1 Corinthians 12:7-11; John 15:26; 16:8-11, 14;  
Romans 8:9, 15-16, 27; Galatians 4:6; 1 Corinthians 12:3

## Three Ramifications

### 1. Trinitarian worship will be Spirit-dependent

Luke 11:13; Zechariah 4:6

### 2. Trinitarian worship will be Word-saturated

Romans 10:13–14, 17; Colossians 3:16

Luke 4 with Isaiah 61

### 3. Trinitarian worship will be gospel-tethered

1 Corinthians 1:23, 2:2

John 12:32 *And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.*