

Sermon Notes, April 14, 2024
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WHY DOES RAYMOND ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH EXIST?
WHO ARE WE?
WHAT ARE WE ALL ABOUT?

RRBC is here for 5 purposes
from Great Commandment (Matt 22:37-40)
and Great Commission (Matt 28:19-20)

(From Constitution and Bylaws)

“The purpose of Raymond Road Baptist Church is to help every person reach MATURITY in Christ. This purpose is to be accomplished by valuing and embracing MEMBERSHIP in God’s Kingdom and in the church, by faithfully participating in such activities that MAGNIFY God, by actively engaging in MINISTRY for the benefit of others, and by answering God’s call to join him in his MISSION of redemption.”

- MAGNIFY – Worship (“Love the Lord with all your heart”)
- MINISTRY – Ministry (“Love your neighbor as yourself”)
- MISSION – Evangelism (“Go and make disciples”)
- MEMBERSHIP – Fellowship (“Baptizing them”)
- MATURITY – Discipleship (“Teaching them to obey”)

WORSHIP is...

- Loving God
- Singing to God
- Praying to God
- Obeying the Word of God
- Resting in God
- Offering things to God
- Glorifying God

- WORSHIP IS...
- Loving God
 - Matthew 22:37-40
 - Deuteronomy 6:4-9
 - Isaiah 29:13-14
 - Mark 7:6-8
- False worship is
 - Loving with only a little bit of your heart, soul, mind
 - Not loving God in all aspects of your life, including family
 - Talk the talk, but do not love
 - Elevating human traditions
 - Worshiping anything other than God (power, control, fame, devil, politics, money, sex, drugs, alcohol, phone)

- WORSHIP IS...
- Singing to God
 - Psalm 100
 - Psalm 96:1-6
 - Psalm 95:1-7
 - 2 Chronicles 29:26-30
- False worship is
 - Making no noise
 - Not being thankful
 - Not learning new songs
 - Not praising the Lord, because he is not worth it
 - Not bowing down
 - Not using all kinds of instruments
 - Having a musical ability but not using it for the Lord
 - Not being glad to worship
 - Only consuming, never giving. Only ease, never effort.

- WORSHIP IS...
- Praying to God
 - 2 Chronicles 7:1-4
 - Daniel 6:10

- Nehemiah 8:6 (prayer)
- Nehemiah 9:5-6 (prayer of blessing)
- Job 1:20-21
- James 5:13-16
- False worship is
 - Thinking that God is not listening to you
 - Not praying to say thank you to God
 - Praying once per week at church
 - Letting others pray, so you don't have to
 - Not praying with other Christians
 - In a crisis, pulling AWAY from God instead of turning TO God
 - Not praying in all situations, like bad times, good times, sickness of body, sickness of soul
 - Not believing that prayer can change anything

- WORSHIP IS...

- Obeying the Word of God

- 2 Timothy 3:14-17
- Exodus 20:1-11

- False Worship is...

- Treating the Bible like you can chew the meat but spit out the bones.
- Only reading favorite part of the Bible instead of all of it
- Never letting the Bible change you
- Worshiping things other than God
- Worshiping created things, rather than the Creator
- Tearing down God's reputation, rather than building it up

- WORSHIP IS...

- Resting in God

- Exodus 20:8-11
- Psalm 27:4
- Psalm 84:10

- False worship is

- Treating Sunday like every other work day
- Refusing to slow down and rest every Sunday

- Resting in things other than the Lord on the Lord's day
- Turning Sunday (the Lord's Day) into travel sports day, into catch-up-with-work day, into sleep-in day, into golf day, into hunting day, into fishing day, into football day, into drink all day.

- WORSHIP IS...

- Offering things to God

- Romans 12:1-2
- Hebrews 10:1-18
- Matthew 2:9-11
- Hebrews 13:15-16
- Colossians 3:15-17

- False worship is

- Keeping everything for yourself, including your own body
- Trying to earn God's approval with some kind of sacrifice
- Not letting your love for God result in giving him gifts

- WORSHIP IS...

- Glorifying God

- Psalm 29:1-2
- Isaiah 6:1-8
- Philippians 2:9-11
- Revelation 4-5

- False worship is

- Giving glory to anything other than the One to whom it belongs
- Not believing that your Savior is worth your worship