

Worship so Christ is Recognized

What has the society come to know about salvation? When looking through the frosted glass of the facilities erected to conduct religious rituals or functions, what does the world see?

As a passerby comes through the door, what will they find? A group of people worshipping God in spirit and truth, as Jesus affirmed in John 4:23, of which Jesus says are the characteristic of “true worshippers”? Will the passerby find a group of people “speaking one to another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord”? (Eph. 5:19) Would the passerby be greeted with an attitude of, “Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God; for to draw nigh to hear is better than to give sacrifice of fools: for they know not that they do evil. Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thy heart be hasty to utter anything before God; for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth; therefore let thy words be few” (Eccl. 5:1-2). Or will the passerby be greeted with dainties to satisfy the flesh, of which the Apostle Paul said, “If any man is hungry, let him eat at home; that your coming together be not unto judgment”? (1 Cor. 11:34)?

What is it the passerby is being taught about worship, reverence for and to God, and the true nature of the purpose of the church? Are they taught to “offer service well-pleasing to God with reverence and awe: for our God is a consuming fire” (Hebrews 12:28-29). Let us serve God in Spirit and in Truth, so that the passerby will recognize Christ.