

The Worship of the Church II					
Welcome It is a pleasure to have you with us this hour. Our endeavor is to worship God in Spirit and in Truth by adhering to the scriptures in					
all that we do and teach.					
If you desire to have a private Bible Study					
at your convenience, let us know.					
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www.jonescoc.org Church		of Christ	SUNDAY:		
Meeting I		g Location	Location Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.		
Phone	12812 E	12812 E Britton Rd		Assembly: 10:30 a.m.	
405.399.2509	Jone	Jones, OK		Assembly: 5:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY:	
			Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.		
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## So, You Want to be a Teacher

In James 3:1, the following warning is issued: "Be not many of you teachers, my brethren, knowing that we shall receive heavier judgment." In the context, it is evident that James is not discouraging men from being teachers, but rather, as Paul instructed Timothy, "the things which thou hast heard from me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (2 Timothy 2:2). Faithfulness to the word is key. Nevertheless, it is evident in life itself that not all men are teachers.

If you have undertaken the duties of a teacher, be thoroughly assured that you are alert to the duties, dangers, and as Paul said to Timothy, "be thou sober in all things, suffer hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil thy ministry" (2 Timothy 4:5). (Continued Pg. 2)

Thus, a minister and/or a teacher of the gospel must be on the front lines of the battle. The Apostle Paul told Timothy, "war the good warfare" (1 Timothy 1:18), and to "fight the good fight" (1 Timothy 6:12).

It should be self-evident that, "a good soldier of Christ Jesus" does not entangle "himself in the affairs of this life; that he may please him who enrolled him as a soldier" (2 Timothy 2:3-4). The nature of the warfare emphasizes the alertness necessary to be a good soldier: "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh (for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but mighty before God to the casting down of strongholds), casting down imaginations, and every high thing that is exalted against the knowledge of God, and bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:3-5).

Therefore, a teacher of the gospel must be vigilant. The warfare that is fought is one, first, with self. The Apostle Paul said, "But I say, walk by the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are contrary the one to the other; that ye may not do the things that ye would. But if ye are led by the Spirit, ye are not under the law" (Galatians 5:16-18).

"Beloved, I beseech you as sojourners and pilgrims, to abstain from fleshly lust, which war against the soul; having your behavior seemly among the Gentiles; that, wherein they speak against you as evil-doers, they may by your good works, which they behold, glorify God in the day of visitation" (1 Peter 2:11-12). Ross Triplett, Sr.

## The Worship of the Church II Matthew 16:18

- I. **Worship:** to "worship" is to "give" to God the recognition of His glory and strength. "Ascribe" "attribute something to ... regard a quality as belonging to" OXD
- II. **Previous Identity Markers:** Name and Doctrine

## III. Collective Worship:

- A. Acts 20:7 Came together to break bread.
  - 1. 1 Cor. 11:17-34 Commanded by the Lord, and the apostles.
  - 2. Ezek. 45:21; Lk. 22:14-16 Consisted of Unleavened bread, and ...
    - 3. Lk. 22:17-18 Fruit of the vine
- B. 1 Cor. 16:1-2; Isa. 19:21 Collection; oblation, i.e., offering. Principles regarding this offering:
  - 1. 1 Cor. 16:2 as prospered
  - 2. 2 Cor. 8:12 readiness of mind
  - 3. 2 Cor. 9:7 not grudgingly, or of necessity (*distress*), God loveth a cheerful giver.
  - 4. No other means scripturally given for the financing of the work of the local church.
- C. Acts 2:42; 14:26 teaching, and learning
- D. Col. 3:15-17; 1 Cor. 14:15-16 Teaching, admonishing, and giving of thanks.
- E. Prayers:
  - 1. Acts 12:1-5; 12 prayers were made of the church
  - 2. Acts 13:1, 3 fasted and prayed
  - 3. Rom. 15:30-31 strive together with me in your prayers.
  - 4. 1 Cor. 14:12-19 pray with the spirit and understanding.

## Solomon Said

By mercy and truth iniquity is atoned for; And by the fear of Jehovah men depart from evil. Proverbs 16:6