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What day do we assemble for worship?

– The Sabbath? – *No*

- The Sabbath was given to the Jews – Deut 5:15
- God said it would cease – Hosea 2:11
- When the Law was nailed to the cross – Col 2:13-17

The First Day of the Week is the Lord's Day

- The day of His resurrection – John 20:1,19; Luke 24:1,7
- Church was established on Pentecost – Acts 2:1-4, 41
- Pentecost was the first day of the week – Lev 23:15
- New Testament Churches worshiped then – Acts 20:7; 1 Cor 16:1-2

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Acts of Worship: Praying

- **Prayer is central to the Christian life**
 - Devoted themselves - Acts 2:42
 - For all men, everywhere - 1 Tim 2:1,2,8
- **Prayed together for common needs**
 - While Peter was in prison – Acts 12:12

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Acts of Worship: The Lord's Supper

- **We Eat the Lord's Supper on the Lord's Day**
 - Christians took it on the first day of the week – Acts 20:7
 - Eating of unleavened bread and fruit of the vine were commanded by Jesus Himself – Matt 26:26-29; 1 Cor 11:23
- **Has a special design and purpose**
 - According to the pattern – 1 Cor 11:24-32
 - Done in the **proper manner**
 - *“But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.” (1 Corinthians 11:28)*

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Acts of Worship: Giving

- **We Give of Our Means on the Lord's Day**
 - Christians are commanded to give on the first day of the week – 1 Cor 16:1-2
 - Our contribution comes from the heart, not with a set percentage or amount
 - The attitude of our giving
 - *“He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows **bountifully** will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he **purposes in his heart**, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a **cheerful** giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:6–7)*

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Acts of Worship: Singing

- Sing with the spirit and understanding – 1 Cor 14:15
- Make melody in our hearts – our hearts accompanying the song of our lips – Eph 5:19
- Singing is the only type of music – Col 3:16; Eph 5:19

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Teaching & Preaching

- Many examples in scripture – it is good!
- Is it directly worship?

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The Spirit of Our Worship

- Must be in spirit – John 4:24
- Worship with grace in our hearts – Col 3:16
- Our hearts must be in our worship – Matt 15:7-9
- Abiding in Christ's doctrine
 - *“Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.” (2 John 9)*