



# Church of Christ

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## Heart to Heart...

People wonder what heaven will be like. People talk of it's glory and beauty, but isn't there more to it than that? Take some time and read Revelation 4-5. It gives us a good insight as to what is happening in heaven. To the surprise of most, *worship* takes place. The four living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to the One on the throne. Twenty four elders fall down and worship Him who lives forever and ever. Songs are being sung along with tens of thousands of angels worshipping our God and Savior.

*Worship* takes place in heaven. From the Old Testament to the New Testament, *worship* takes place among the heavenly hosts and is part of the life of those in fellowship with God. One thing we do that angels do is *worship*.

Here's a question for you. Have you ever noticed that in the New Testament, very little is taught about attendance of the assemblies? The only time it is really mentioned is in Heb. 10:25, but there the writer is speaking to those Jews who had put on Christ and were going back to the Jewish temple and ways. I've often wondered why so little is spoken about attendance. Perhaps they had very little problem with this in the early church. Isn't it revealing, that our conversations about *worship* tend to become excuses for why we don't *worship* with those in Christ on a regular basis. Have you ever wondered why we don't talk about our joy and thrill of *worshipping* our heavenly Father with His saints? Many take on the attitude of evening *worship* or Wednesday nights are optional. We say, "No where in Scripture does it say we must be there every time the doors are open!" That's a true statement, but what about the impact of the mercies of God? Has the grace of God had so little impact on our lives and in our hearts? Have we lost sight of the power of praise and adoration of our Lord?

If heaven is going to be a place of *worship* and adoration to the Lord God, what should be in the hearts of those saved on earth? Sometimes it makes me wonder if we *worship* the world and the things in it more than our God, who bought us with His blood. If *worship* isn't the focus of our lives here, how will we ever survive heaven? That's a simple answer: **we won't because we won't be there!** Think about it!!!

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