

sins? Will you faithfully serve our wonderful, great and merciful God with all your heart? God desires a relationship with each of us. His love for us is evident. For without God's Son to die for each of us we would be lost in sin. **John 3:16-17:** *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."* You see, God's love is not static or self-centered. God's love reaches out to all mankind to draw man to himself. Here God shows His true love. When you love someone dearly you are willing to give freely to the point of self-sacrifice. God paid dearly with His Son on the cross.

He paid the price for our sins and He offered us the chance for a new life that He had bought for us through His Son. This is why we as Christians should praise God everyday we start a new day, and when we meet with the church to worship God and His glorious Son. As Christians, we praise God for His love and His mercy which He has upon us and He sustains us by His power and might. But most of all I will praise God for He will never leave nor forsake me during my darkest hours. He is always there for me. So the next time you meet with the church and worship God and His Son, put your heart into worship and give God the glory and honor He deserves.

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We Praise God

How often, when we meet together as a church, do we give it thought concerning "why" we praise God when we come together and "why" we praise God throughout the week in our homes or at work? When we meet with the church, we will worship God and sing songs to or about God and His Son. We will partake of the Lord's supper in memory of His Son, Jesus, who died on the cross for all mankind. We will give our first fruit of our income to God every Sunday and give ourselves to God in all that we do. But when we do all of these praises, do e really think why we do it and what it really means?

Now to praise God means, "to express admiration and appreciation for who God is; to magnify and honor God; and to express thanksgiving." We are to express thankfulness in our hearts for His goodness and the love He has for all of us. When we praise God we are expressing our adoration of Him and we are giving thanks unto the Lord for He is good and His mercy endures forever (Psalm 106:1). We find a good example of praising God in **Psalm 145**, as David begins: *"I will extol You, my God, O Kind; And I will bless Your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless You, and I will praise Your name forever and*

every. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable."

We praise God for His mighty acts which have been displayed in His greatness in the creation of this world and mankind as seen in Genesis 1. We praise God for His eternal power as seen in the creation of the universe and in all that is seen by our eyes. (Rom. 1:19-20). When we praise God we are boasting of His greatness and of His great name forever and ever as seen in Psalm 44:8. **Psalm 145:4-7 - "One generation shall praise Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts. I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works. Men shall speak of the might of Your awesome acts, and I will declare Your greatness. They shall utter the memory of Your great goodness, and shall sing of Your righteousness."** How often do we meditate upon the majesty, the splendor, and the greatness of the God we serve. The God who loves us? We praise God for His mighty acts of wonder and power which He displays everyday of our lives by showing His goodness toward us. **Psalm 145:8-9: "The LORD**

is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy. The LORD is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works." We praise God for He is full of compassion and is gracious in that He is slow to anger and He is great in mercy toward us as we struggle in this world. We praise God *"for You O Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness."* (Psalm 86:15)

Psalm 145:10-13: "All Your works shall praise You, O LORD, and Your saints shall bless You. They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, and talk of Your power, to make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of His kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations." We praise God because all His works shall praise Him, and as Christians we will bless our Lord. We praise God for His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom and His dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all His promises and loving toward all He has made. He never will change, not today nor tomorrow. He always keeps

His word which should give us as Christians a reason to praise God everyday.

Psalm 145:14-16: "The LORD upholds all who fall, and raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look expectantly to You and You give them their food in due season. You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing." We praise God when our burdens seem more than we can bear and we wonder how we can go on. God the great burden-bearer is able to lift us up and give us the strength to carry on. We can say with full assurance that God is my refuge and strength. (Psalm 46:1) We praise God for He is true to remain near to those who call upon Him in times of difficulty and will always hear the cries of those who call upon Him.

Psalm 145:17-21: "The LORD is righteous in all His ways, gracious in all His works. The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He also will hear their cry and save them. The LORD preserves all who love Him, but all the wicked He will destroy. My mouth shall speak the praise of the

LORD, and all flesh shall bless His holy name forever and ever." We praise God for His ways are always righteous and always loving toward all He had made. We praise God for He is always near to all who call upon Him and He fulfills the desires of those who fear Him.

As Christians, we are to praise God in the words we speak and in the songs we sing. We are to praise Him from our hearts. As we partake of the Lord's supper every Sunday, we praise God for His grace, mercy and love when He sent His Son to die for the sins of the world, so that all who obey Him by faith may have hope of eternal life with Him in Heaven. This is one of our greatest reasons, as Christians, to praise God, because of the overwhelming love that He had for us when His only Son died on that cruel cross to save us while we were yet sinners. (Rom. 5:8-11) Our sins have separated us from God (Isa. 59:1-2), however, God has provided through His Son the opportunity for us to be forgiven of our sins and have our relationship with Him restored. Do you believe? Are you ready to confess Jesus as the Son of God? Will you repent and be baptized for the remission of your