

TRANSFORMED TO BECOME A TRUE WORSHIPER

“Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.” (John 4:23-24, NIV)

The Lord Jesus said to the Samaritan woman in John 4:21-22, „Believe me, woman, the time is coming, when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know, we worship what we know, because salvation comes from the Jewish nation.” And then He continued to say as written in this devotional guide verse above, verses 23-24. When the Lord Jesus died on the cross and then was resurrected on the 3rd day about 2000 years ago, He has become the door of salvation not only for the Jewish nation, but also for all mankind. And in the days leading up to His second coming He still wants individuals who want to be transformed into true worshipers, namely those who want to worship the Father in spirit and truth. After Christ Jesus resurrected on the third day and appeared to His disciples for 40 days and finally ascended to heaven, His disciples experienced great changes in their lives. God's Word in Luke 24:52 says, “They fell down and worshiped Him, and they returned to Jerusalem with great joy. They are always in the temple of God and glorify God.” This is the worship lifestyle of God's disciples after His resurrection. Acts 1:14 also writes, that "They all persevered with one accord in prayer together, with some of the women and Mary, the mother of Jesus, and with the brothers of Jesus." That means they were changed more and more in prayer, praise and worship. That is what then gave rise to the great transformation and revival at that time. They were moved by God to witness His great deeds after the Holy Spirit was poured out by God on all His disciples (Acts 1:8; 2:7-11). The early church was born because of the work of the Holy Spirit. The early church persevered in the teachings of the apostles. Prayer, praise and worship done in spirit and truth always color their worship life (Acts 2:41-47). I believe, this is what later formed the pattern of the early congregational worship life and ultimately worked out the growth of the large congregation. There were so many souls that God reaped and added to the early church at that time. Whenever they faced struggles, they would unite and agree in prayer, so that when they were praying, the place where they were gathered shook and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, then they spoke the word of God boldly (Acts 4:31) . God was pleased with the worship meetings of the early church. This teaches us to be able to build, improve, strengthen and appreciate more and more the values of the worship life of true worshipers in these last days as God wills. Our worship must be a living worship. This may be the key to the revival and growth of our church. A true worshiper can be used by God to win a region or city (John 4:39-42). If all followers of Christ want to be converted into true worshipers, then this can be the key to the success of worship and also the key to the success of missions and the harvest of souls. We pray that everyone in our congregation can continue to be transformed into true worshippers. Jesus bless you. Amen!

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