

Understanding Acceptable Worship



Ephesians 4:11-16

Acceptable Worship Edifies the Brethren



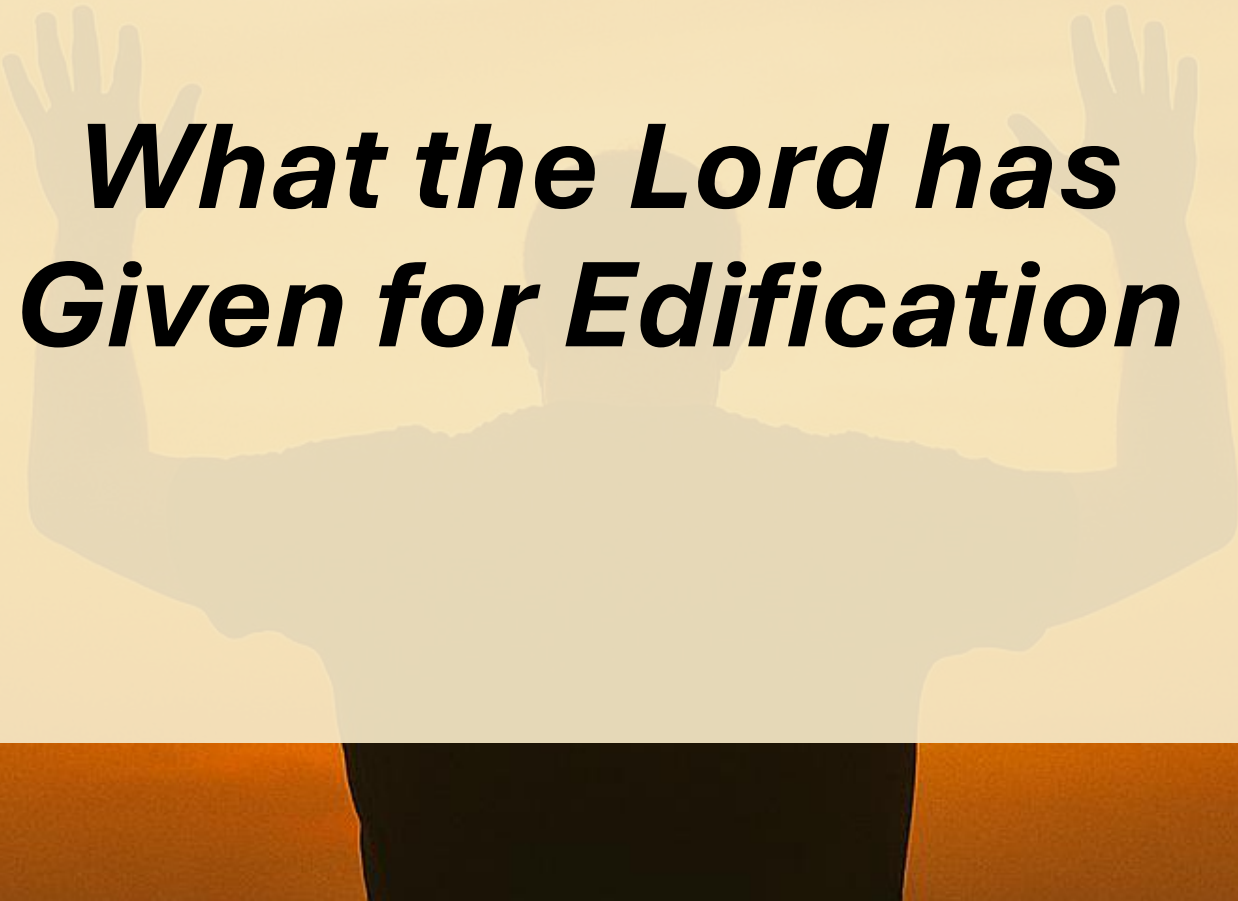
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- What is edification?

- Paul wrote, “*Let all things be done for edification.*” **1 Cor 14:26**
- To edify is to build up, to strengthen.
- Edification is necessary for the growth and the working of the local congregation.

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- What the Lord has given for edification.
 - The Lord has given Christians what is necessary for edification. ***Eph 4:11-16***
 - ***Apostles***
 - ***Prophets***
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- **What the Lord has given for edification.**
 - These equip the church for the work of the ministry, for the building up or strengthening of the body. ***Eph 4:11-12***
 - ***Apostles***
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- **What the Lord has given for edification.**
 - These help Christians grow to spiritual maturity.
 - This growth brings an established faith and security in God and His word. ***Eph 4:13-14***
 - ***Apostles***
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- **What the Lord has given for edification.**
 - The members of the church are to do their part to help the church to grow.
 - This growth will result in the edifying of the body in love. ***Eph 4:15-16***
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How Do We Edify?



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- **How do we edify one another?**
 - When we participate in the assembling of the church.
 - We are to “*consider one another in order to stir up love and good works.*” **Heb 10:24-25**
 - Our actions should stir up love and good works.
 - Our actions should edify.

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- **How do we edify one another?**
 - When we participate in the assembling of the church.
 - Acceptable worship results in proper edification. **1 Cor 14:12, 26**
 - The proclamation of Jesus' death strengthens our faith and our hope.
 - **Lord's Supper**
 - *Singing*
 - *Praying*
 - *Preaching*

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- **How do we edify one another?**
 - When we participate in the assembling of the church.
 - Acceptable worship results in proper edification. **1 Cor 14:12, 26**
 - The songs we sing in worship build us up in knowledge and reassurance of God's promises.
 - *Lord's Supper*
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- **How do we edify one another?**
 - When we participate in the assembling of the church.
 - Acceptable worship results in proper edification. **1 Cor 14:12, 26**
 - The prayers we offer up should unify us in our trust and reliance upon God.
 - *Lord's Supper*
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- **How do we edify one another?**
 - When we participate in the assembling of the church.
 - Acceptable worship results in proper edification. **1 Cor 14:12, 26**
 - The preaching of God's word should instruct and inspire us to walk in fellowship with God.
 - *Lord's Supper*
 - *Singing*
 - *Praying*
 - ***Preaching***

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- **How do we edify one another?**
 - When we participate in the assembling of the church.
 - Acceptable worship requires members to do their part.
 - Paul wrote, “...*from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies...*” **Eph 4:15-16**

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- **How do we edify one another?**
 - When we participate in the assembling of the church.
 - Proper worship requires members to do their part.
 - When we forsake or abandon the assembling of the church, then we fail in supplying our part for the working and growth of the body. ***Cf. Heb 10:25***

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- **How do we edify one another?**
 - We edify one another when we correct one who is sinning. ***Gal 6:1-5; James 5:19-20***

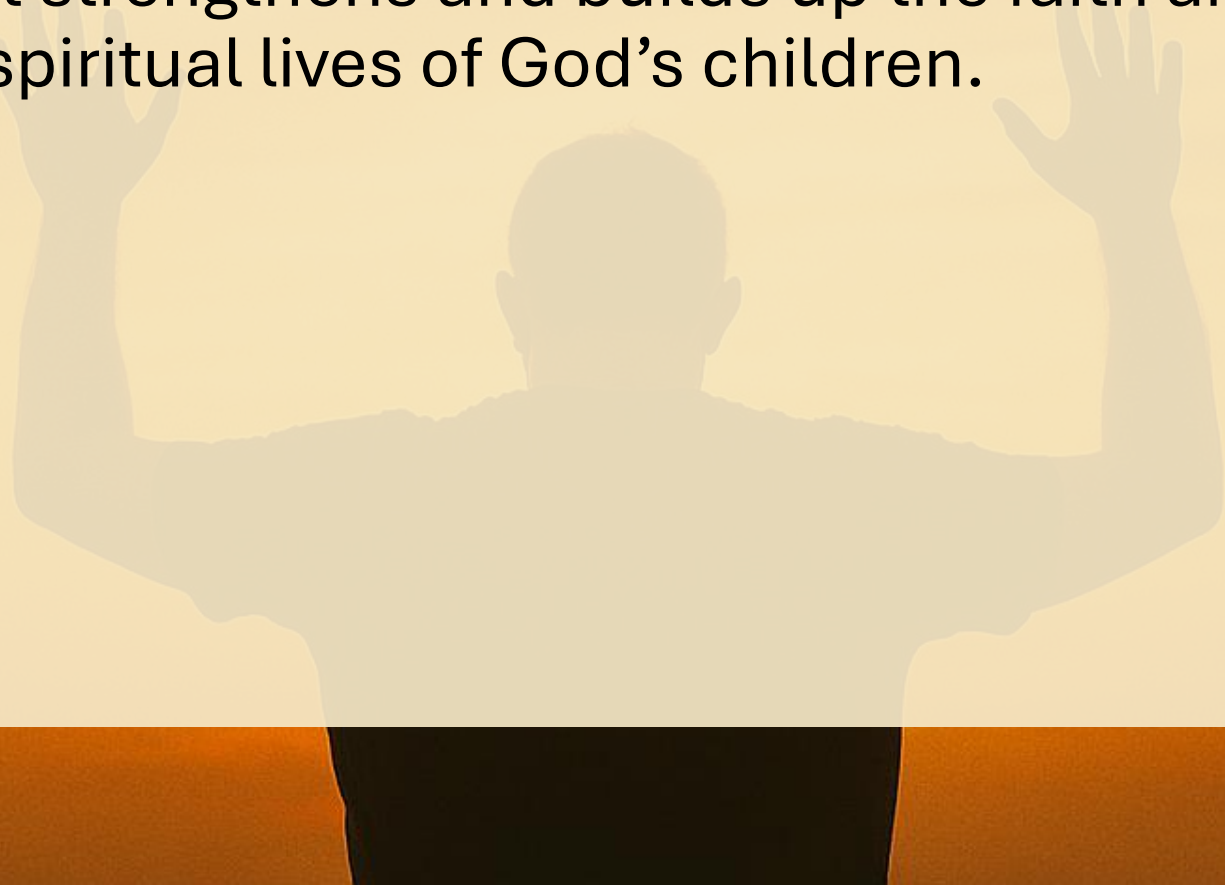


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- **How do we edify one another?**
 - We edify one another by showing love in our actions and compassion.
 - Without hypocrisy. ***Rom 12:9-21***
 - In matters of judgment. ***Rom 15:1-3***
 - In matters of forgiveness. ***Col 3:12-14***
 - In matters of compassion and need. ***Phil 2:1-4***

Conclusion

- **Acceptable worship...**
 - **Edifies the brethren.**
 - It strengthens and builds up the faith and spiritual lives of God's children.



Conclusion

- Whether we are worshiping the Lord collectively or spending time together in our personal lives, we are to always seek to edify one another.
- Our goal is eternity with God in heaven. However, we need each other to help strengthen us on our journey.