



## Ancient Christian worship

### *Lessons for today - Part 1*

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## Ancient Christian Worship Questions...

1. Did the earliest Christians worship Jesus?
2. If so, when did this start?
3. How did Jews feel about worshipping Jesus in 'addition to God'?
4. Did they sing songs, clap hands?
5. Did they have 'free worship'?

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## 6 areas of Ancient Worship:

1. Hymns/Songs
2. Invocations/Declarations
3. Prophecy
4. Prayer
5. Baptism
6. Communion

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## 1. Hymns/Songs

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## The oldest hymn about Jesus

### Philippians 2

5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,[a] 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,[b] 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,[c] being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

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## The oldest hymn about Jesus

### Philippians 2

9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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## 2. Invocations/ Declarations

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### Oldest declaration of the bride of Christ

1 Corinthians 16:22

21 The salutation with my own hand—  
Paul's. 22 If anyone does not love the Lord  
Jesus Christ, let him be [a]accursed. O  
Lord, come!

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### Relating to God as the bride of Christ..

- OT theme – Is 54:5; Hos 2:16
- NT theme – Mark 2:19; John 14
- Eschatological theme – Rev 19,21,22

#### Rev 19

7 Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory,  
for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and  
His wife has made herself ready." 8 And to her  
it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean  
and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous  
acts of the saints.

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