

FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES COMPARED WITH WAYS TO RESPOND TO GOD

FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES	# of times mentioned in the Bible	WAYS TO RESPOND TO GOD	# of times mentioned in the Bible
1. VIRGIN BIRTH	_____	1. DANCING	_____
2. MISSIONS	_____	2. SHOUTING	_____
3. JUSTIFICATION	_____	3. THANKSGIVING	_____
4. SANCTIFICATION	_____	4. SINGING	_____
5. BAPTISM	_____	5. REJOICING	_____
6. REPENTANCE	_____	6. PLAYING INSTRUMENTS	_____
7. 2nd COMING OF CHRIST	_____	7. PRAISE	_____

Scripture presents a wide variety of expressions of praise and worship. Before looking at some of them, it is good to bear in mind these three underlying factors:—

- God wants us to offer our **bodies** to him as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God— which is our spiritual **worship** (Rom 12:1).
- When we praise and worship we do it not to draw attention to ourselves but rather to glorify God. 'Be exalted, O God, above the heavens: let your glory be over all the earth' (Ps 57:11).
- During our times of corporate worship we are not to be spectators of others but **participators** ourselves, and we should participate with all our might.

When 'let all things be done properly and in an orderly manner' (1 Cor 14:40 NASB) is applied to every aspect of our praise and worship and, at the same time, we are open to the moving of God's Holy Spirit, the church will be blessed indeed and all will contribute to the greater praise and glory of God.