

Five Steps to Christ, Five Items of Worship and Seven Steps to Heaven

God has always given man a way back to Him. Our forefathers offered sacrifices to cover their sins. Under the New Covenant, we are to come to the Father through His Only Begotten Son, Jesus the Christ.

The New Covenant gives us five steps telling us how to get into Christ (His Church). Then we are taught there are only five items of worship that God has authorized. As we live here on earth, there are seven steps we need to apply to our lives and Heaven will surely be ours.

Five Steps to Christ:

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:17) *“Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.”*
2. Believe the Gospel (Hebrew 11:6) *“But without faith it is impossible to please him, for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”*
3. Repent of Sins (Luke 13:3) *“I tell ye nay, but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.”*
4. Confess Christ to be the Only Begotten of the Father (Matthew 10:32) *“Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess before my father which is in heaven.”*
5. Baptized into Christ (Acts 2:38) *“Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.”*

Now that we are in the church, (our sins have been forgiven). We are to offer our praises to God in the ways He has instructed. These are the five ways God has given us to worship him.

Five Items of Worship:

1. Sing vocal, congregational without help of mechanical instruments (Ephesians 5:19) *“Singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.”*
2. Pray (I Thessalonians 5:17) *“Pray without ceasing.”*
3. Preach/ Teach (II Timothy 4:2) *“Preach the word;”* (Luke 24:47)
4. Give upon the first day of each week (I Corinthians 16:1-2).
5. Take Lord’s Supper (Matthew 26:26) (Acts 20:7)

As we live in the Christian life, we are to **add these seven attributes to our lives:**

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| 1. -----Virtue | 5. -----Godliness |
| 2. -----Knowledge | 6. -----Brotherly Kindness |
| 3. -----Temperance | 7. -----Charity |
| 4. -----Patience | (II Peter 1:5-7) |

(II Peter 1:8) *“If these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye be neither barren nor unfruitful knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

(Revelation 2:10) *“Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life.”*

How can one possibly miss heaven if he follows God’s simple instructions?

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