

# WORSHIP: A COMMITMENT . . . NOT A WAR

Romans 11:33–12:2

We're giving thought these days to worship. While it is an old word with deep roots in the church related to the Christian life, it has surfaced in recent years as a battle—in fact, a “war.” How tragic! Can there be a more oxymoronic expression than “worship wars”? This unique privilege, this personal opportunity to deepen one's walk with Christ, makes the things of God of paramount importance to us, but has now been changed from a matter of commitment to an ugly fight. Surely, this must grieve the heart of our God! In our attempt to come to an understanding of what has happened, it will help for us to realize there is a difference between the essence of worship and the expression of it. Today, let's do our best to see the difference between the two.

## I. A Quick Review

- The Urgent vs. the Important
- Worship Defined and Illustrated

## II. What Worship Represents—Its Essence

- A Commitment to God—and Christ
- A Matter of the Heart—and Mind
- A Perspective on Living—and Dying

## III. How Worship Connects—Its Expression

- In Our Church
- In Our Lives

*What unites us in worship?*