

## WHY WE WORSHIP AS WE DO

*"Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before Him with joyful songs."  
- Psalm 100:2*

Welcome to our worship service. Your first reaction to a service at London Gospel Temple may be two-fold. You may appreciate the warmth and sincerity of the people, but be unfamiliar with our manner of worship. We can identify with you because that's how many of us felt in our first service

### PRAISE

The Scriptures instruct us to praise God, for He alone is worthy of our praise.

*"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and  
into his courts with praise." - Psalm 100:4*

*"Let everything that has breath praise the  
Lord. Praise the Lord." - Psalm 150:6*

### RAISING HANDS

This also is scriptural and often is spontaneous. We raise our hands in adoration to Him. Paul the Apostle wrote:

*"I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer,  
without anger or disputing." - 1 Timothy 2:8*

### CLAPPING HANDS

We clap our hands as another way of "entering into" worship. The Bible tells us we need to do this together.

*"Clap your hands, all you nations; shout  
to God with cries of joy." - Psalm 47:1*

### SPEAKING IN OTHER TONGUES

A message in an unknown tongue, followed by its interpretation, often occurs in our worship service. It was on the day of Pentecost that the disciples first experienced the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of "speaking in tongues".

*"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to  
speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."  
- Acts 2:4*

This was the outward evidence of the Holy Spirit coming upon believers. God's word gives much direction and understanding of this gift:

1. We are encouraged to speak in tongues. Paul desired that all would do so.

*"I would like every one of you to speak in tongues ..."  
- 1 Corinthians 14:5*

2. Often, the gift of a message in tongues is given during a worship service. This is to be followed by the interpretation.

*"If anyone speaks in a tongue, two - or at most three - should  
speak, one at a time, and someone must interpret."  
- 1 Corinthians 14:27*

3. One of the greatest benefits of tongues is for us, the believers. I am edified when I speak in tongues.

*"He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself ... "  
- 1 Corinthians 14:4a*

### PROPHETIC WORDS (EXHORTATION)

A word of direction or encouragement in our language is often declared during the service. Paul encouraged this gift to be used for the strength and comfort of the church. He wrote:

*"... but he who prophecies edifies the church."  
- 1 Corinthians 14:4b*

### SINGING IN THE SPIRIT

During our singing, there are times when we sing to the Lord in unknown tongues, or a "new song" corporately together in English. Scripture encourages us to do so.

*"I will sing with my spirit but I will also  
sing with my mind." - 1 Corinthians 14:15*

### FALLING UNDER THE POWER OF GOD

You will observe, during times of prayer, that people will often fall under the power of the Holy Spirit. This has precedent in Scripture. For example, Saul of Tarsus in *Acts 9:4*, and Peter in *Acts 10:10*, and many times in church history and up to the present time. This is a sovereign act of God, when the power of His Holy Spirit touches a person for some special purpose and he/she falls in His power.

### DANCING (IN THE SPIRIT) UNTO GOD

The Psalmist states:

*"Let them praise his name with dancing and  
make music to him ... " - Psalm 149:3*

Not all dancing is done "in the Spirit - unto God". Some dancing is of the flesh. Dancing which draws attention to ourselves tends to be in the flesh. God must receive all the glory when we dance unto Him.

### EMOTION

There appears to be a lot of emotion. That is true. But not all emotion is bad. Emotion is, "a strong feeling, as of fear, anger, love, joy etc." In this case there are strong feelings of love and joy. **True worship** is not worked up, but comes as we open our hearts in praise to God. We at L.G.T. believe in and experience the presence of God's Holy Spirit; glorifying the Lord in our praises.

### IN CONCLUSION

During our services, you may notice other manifestations and gifts of the Holy Spirit. We encourage you to openly allow God to reveal to your heart His greatness. Test the Spirit. Search the Scriptures. You will discover God desires to pour out His Spirit on believers today.

The matters, dealt with in this pamphlet, are practices not common in all churches. Our desire is to preach Jesus Christ, crucified and risen again as Saviour, and be sure to give Him all the honour and glory.

If you desire to know more about any of these thoughts or about having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, please contact us at:

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