

The Bluffer's Guide to the Church

6. Hell in a Handcart or Heaven in a Hymnbook? Worship and the Church

Return to the Kingdom

Justice, freedom, worship, wholeness, peace, reconciliation, presence of God

The Church in the Book of Revelation

Kingdom under threat

The reaction of the saints

Worship as the means and the end of the Kingdom

“To the praise of his glory” (Ephesians 1.12,14)

“Spiritual worship” (Romans 12.1)

How does worship shape and form us, the church?

Glory

Prayer

Infused with the Scriptures

Reconciliation

Thanksgiving

Blind Alleys

Old Radicalism

Contemporary Evangelicals

Catholic/Charismatic/Alt.worship

Worship for God alone

The Church in Acts

“All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people” (Acts 2.43-47).

Temple Worship

Apostles Teaching

Breaking Bread

The Pauline Church

Communion

Baptism

Sacraments

Mysteria to sacramentum

St Augustine

The Church as Formed by Sacraments