

# WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH

John 4:23-24

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AND NOW IS,  
WHEN THE TRUE WORSHIPPERS SHALL WORSHIP  
THE FATHER **IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH:**  
FOR THE FATHER SEEKETH SUCH TO WORSHIP HIM.  
**GOD IS A SPIRIT**  
**AND THEY THAT WORSHIP HIM**  
MUST WORSHIP HIM IN  
SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH.

John 4:23-24

## COMMON ERROR

“Worship in the spirit”  
i.e. ‘Holy Spirit’ experience



## SCRIPTURE MEMORY – 7 AUGUST 2016 PPCC CREED

I believe the Holy Spirit is God  
who indwells believers,  
enabling us to live for Christ.

## SCRIPTURE MEMORY – 7 AUGUST 2016 JOHN 14:26

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost,  
whom the Father will send in my name,  
he shall teach you all things,  
and bring all things to your remembrance,  
whatsoever I have said unto you.

John 4:24

... they that worship Him must worship Him  
in spirit and in truth.

## LOOK AT CONTEXT!

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### Conversation with Samaritan woman

#### John 4:19-21

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The woman saith unto him,  
 “Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.”

#### John 4:19-21

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Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

#### John 4:23-24

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God is *a Spirit* (Gk. *God is spirit*): and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

### “In spirit & in truth”

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Worship God genuinely  
 (*not just in physical form / location*)

## “In spirit & in truth”

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Applied to music in worship

## Worship music determined by

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### Objective elements

- Lyrics
- Composition style (composer’s notation)

### Subjective elements

- Performance style (varies)
- Culture & context (varies)

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  - Reinforce biblical truth

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*I run to Christ when stalked by sin  
And find a sure escape.  
“Deliver me,” I cry to Him;  
Temptation yields to grace.*

*I run to Christ when plagued by shame  
And find my one defense.  
“I bore God’s wrath,” He pleads my case—  
My Advocate and Friend.*

*I run to Christ in joy, in grief  
- & worship at His feet*



## “In spirit & in truth”

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## Pray for worship music choices

- intentionally scriptural,
- God-glorifying, Christ-centered,
- congregationally fervent, and
- distinct from the world.