

## **The Worship of the Church**

The book of Hebrews challenges our more worldly concepts concerning what 'church' is and what church 'does.' We are not merely a social organization with an earthly mission, vision, or purpose. And primary among all our purposes is the mandate to worship the Living God.

1. Acceptably
  - a. What is unacceptable worship? Lev. 10:1; Amos 6:21-24
  - b. Acceptable content: the regulative principle
  - c. Acceptable conduct: 'how' we participate in worship John 4:23-24
  
2. With Reverence
  - a. A felt recognition of one's relation to something superior
  - b. In worship, we come to something that
    - i. Cannot be touched
    - ii. Is unshakeable
  
3. With Awe
  - a. A joyful recognition
  - b. Of Christ's work on our behalf
  - c. That is marked by gratitude
  - d. And is mindful of God's holiness

Application:

1. Do you worship the true and living God?
2. Do you need to stop refusing the God who speaks?