

Two Problems. One Solution
Hebrews 10:19-25 & 13:12-15

The Bible teaches that our corporate worship is a primary way we demonstrate that we are avoiding these two original sins of _____ and _____. Hebrews is a written sermon challenging believers to remain true to their faith and not to _____ their unique, Christian worship in the face of persecution.

Though we don't face _____ for worshiping in every culture, there are _____ to abandon the practice of gathering together to join our hearts and voices in praise of our Lord. God's word makes it clear that there is something special about believers gathered, joining their voices in a _____ of praise to God. Jesus made this clear when He taught that 2 or more gathered in His name facilitated a _____ of His presence in their midst.

Gathered worship says we know that we have _____ to God on our own, that we value what Jesus has done for us on the Cross, and we unashamedly worship Him as _____ in our lives.

Jesus' gift of salvation for us is infinitely more valuable than any gift we could receive. He _____ for us to enter the Most Holy Place. And there is no more obvious expression of longing to enter that Holy Place and put _____ than when 2 or more gather in His name. Public worship also demonstrates that we are purposefully striving to overcome the 2nd sin of _____. Private worship is good, but Christianity isn't just about your relationship to God. Ours is not a "____, ____" faith.

When we gather for worship, one thought should be dominant: What does God _____? What would _____? We don't have to guess. He has told us. First, to love Him so that we put Him first in our lives. Second, to love others and serve them. Gathering for public worship allows us to solve 2 problems (pride and selfishness) with one solution. When we truly worship, we express our _____ to God and put Him first, and we are _____ each other and _____ to grow in the Lord.