

**THE CHURCH TOGETHER**  
**“The Church Worshipping Together”**

**I Peter 2:4-6**

**I. As “living stones” we are built up in this spiritual house:**

1. To be a holy priesthood
2. To offer spiritual sacrifices

**Worship is an encounter with God resulting in a response to God’s love.**

a) *Sacrifice of Person* (Romans 12:1)

***Romans 12:1 “I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.”***

b) *Sacrifice of Praise* (Hebrews 13:15)

***Hebrews 13:15, “Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise-the fruit of lips that confess his name.”***

**II. As “living stones” we are to respond to God’s love by giving Him our love.**

***Mark 12:30, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.”***

1. **Worship is focusing my attention on God [mind]**

**Psalm 139:1-3, “You have looked deep into my heart, Lord, and You know all about me. You know when I am resting or when I am working. You notice everything I do and everywhere I go.**

**2. Worship is expressing my affection to God [heart/soul]**

**3. Worship is using my abilities for God [strength]**

**Colossians 3:23, “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for people.”**