

# WHY WORSHIP?

PAST CONNECTIONS | INTRODUCTION

Focus Verse | Numbers 6:24-26

THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU,  
THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE SHINE UPON YOU  
AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU,  
THE LORD TURN HIS FACE TOWARD YOU  
AND GIVE YOU PEACE.

These words are so underrated. These words, the ones you hear every Sunday at church, are words straight from the mouth of God. The LORD specifically told the priests to say these very words to the people of Israel. Not only are these words significant for this reason, but they also come hand in hand with a promise from God. God issued the command that these words were to be said to his children, promising that his name will be on them and that he will bless them. Child of God, this promise rings true for you too! Be reminded of this each and every time you hear these words from God. As you look to the past and are reminded of this promise, be connected to all the things God has done for his people-- and for you-- through all time. All that God has done is to preserve his plan of salvation, to save you. Throughout worship services, recall the faithfulness of God and be encouraged by it. Take comfort in knowing that the God of the Bible is your God,

with all his grace and patience and mercy. God, who cannot lie and who is perfect in every way, keeps each and every one of his promises. Hear this promise of God and be blessed. Witness his faithfulness in the history of the Church, the history of your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Take a moment and consider the fact that your faith is the same faith as Adam, Eve, Noah, Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Ruth, Hannah, David, Esther, Mary- several of them in fact, Peter, Timothy-- the list goes on! This common faith is a faith that rests solely on God's salvation, a free gift by God's grace! Worship services are stock full of hidden Easter eggs connecting you to the believers of the past, the Church of God. Each lesson you hear attests to the faithfulness of God through all ages. Each tradition connects you to fellow brothers and sisters of all ages. You are a member of the body of Christ, a body with members of all times and all places. What an incredible blessing to be reminded of!

## PAST CONNECTIONS | A LOOK AHEAD

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