

Our Worship and Music in the Church

Introduction

- 1. The one most noticeable difference to visitors that enter into the worship of the Lord's church is the music.**
- 2. This difference has caused many to never come back.**
 - A. Many people come to church looking to be entertained!**
- 3. Most In the world have become accustomed to music with instruments and therefore expect it even in the church.**
- 4. Even the once **traditional** sound of the piano and organ in denominational churches have given way to bands in order to develop a **creative** worship experience.**

CHARTS – “Worship - Creative Style”

- A. Man's creativity is all about what feels good and sounds good. Seeking to please self and others.**

Liberal Churches of Christ are Following Suit

- 1. A division over institutionalism and sponsoring churches produced a division in the churches of Christ in the 1950s,**
 - A. Now, the liberal churches are in the process of dividing once again today.**
 - B. The issue: Instrumental Music**

CHARTS – “QUOTES”

Gods Tradition Versus Man's Creation

1. **God has set forth how He expects to be worshiped**
John 4:24
2. **Man has "created" an alternate style of worship.**
3. **What does the God's word, the Bible, teach concerning our music in worship to God?**

Before the church but still a New Testament passage:

Matt 26:30 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. **(Mark 14:26)**

Acts 16:25 But **at midnight** Paul and Silas were praying and **singing hymns to God**, and the prisoners were listening to them.

A. Notice – they were singing to God; giving Him the praise

1 Cor 14:15 What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will **sing with the spirit**, and I will also **sing with the understanding**.

Eph 5:19 **speaking to one another** in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, **singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord**,

Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, **teaching and admonishing one another** in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, **singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord**.

A. Two purposes to singing: praise God and to teach and admonish one another. One Can't "TOOT a horn" and "TEACH" at the same time!

Ephesians 4:29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for **necessary edification**, that it **may impart grace to the hearers**.

Heb 2:12 saying: "I will declare Your name to My brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will **sing praise to You**."

Heb 13:15 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of **praise to God**, that is, the **fruit of our lips**, giving thanks to His name.

James 5:13 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him **sing psalms**.

Lessons Learned

- 1. First of all – we must let God be God. Let Him direct US in how we are to properly worship Him**

Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

- 2. Apostasy of one teaching will lead to the apostasy of other teachings.**

- A. Division in the Lord's church happens when some depart from the teaching of God.**

1 Corinthians 1:10 Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all **speak the same thing**, and that there be **no divisions among you**, but that you be perfectly joined together in the **same mind and in the same judgment**.

- 3. We know that we are right when we SING to God.**

- A. Anything that is added or subtracted from God's Word (His direction) is NOT authorized and therefore NOT pleasing to Him.**

Revelation 22:18-19

- 4. May we all be determined to follow God, wavering NOT!**

