

QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK #3

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*“Why don’t you have
music?”*

A Question for them:

**What is the purpose
of worship?**

THE BIBLE TEACHES ITS PURPOSE IS TWOFOLD:

- **Worship God**

- John 4:24 “God *is* Spirit, and those who worship ***Him*** must worship in spirit and truth.”

- **Encourage others**

- Hebrews 10:24 “And let us consider one another in order ***to stir up love and good works***”

**A Question for them:
“Why are musical
instruments so
important to you?”**

**“We have music
– vocal music!”**

THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT VOCAL MUSIC

- **Stirs the emotion of our hearts**
 - Ephesians 5:19 “speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and ***making melody in your heart*** to the Lord”

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- **Teaches one another**

- Colossians 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.”

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- **Praises God**

- Hebrews 2:12 saying: *“I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly **I will sing praise to You.**”*
- Hebrews 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.”*

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- **Expresses the joy of the Christian**

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

*“Ok, but the use
of them in
worship is still ok,
right?”*

*“No, they are
not”*

Why? Because

THE BIBLE TEACHES

- **They are not authorized by the scriptures**
 - 2 John 9–10 *“Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. ¹⁰ If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him”*

THE BIBLE TEACHES

- **They fail to teach and admonish**
 - Colossians 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.”

THE BIBLE TEACHES

- **They produce a “spectator type religion.”**
 - John 4:24 “God *is* Spirit, and those ***who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.***”

THE BIBLE TEACHES

- **They have been added by man**
 - Matthew 15:9 “And *in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.*”

“WELL...”

“I love the Lord, that’s all that’s important!”

– John 14:15 “If you love Me, ***keep My commandments.***”

“WELL...”

“Where does the Bible say not to?”

- 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.”

“WELL...”

“David used in it the O. T.”

– Yes, but he also was told to take the sword.

YES, BUT NOTICE WHAT ELSE IT AUTHORIZES

- Psalm 149:1-9 (NKJV)
 - “Let them praise His name with the dance; Let them sing praises to Him with the ***timbrel and harp....***
 - “Let the high praises of God *be* in their mouth, ***And a two-edged sword in their hand,***
 - To execute vengeance on the nations, And punishments on the peoples;

WE CANNOT GO BACK TO THE O.T. FOR JUSTIFICATION

- **Galatians 5:4**

- “You have become estranged from Christ, you who *attempt to* be justified by law; you **have *fallen from grace.***”

“WELL...”

“I don’t care, I still want it!”

CONCLUSION

We believe in music –
the kind God approves!