

WHY DO WE SING?



Genesis 4:21 (p 5) *In the beginning*
1 Chron. 15:22-28 (p 476) *Ark – Jer.*
1 Chron. 23:4-5 (p 484) *Thousands*
2 Chron. 5:11-14 (p 497) *Temple*
Psalm 150 (725) *Praise to God*
Nehemiah 12:27 (p 564) *Dedication*

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Music in the life of Jesus

The Passover Matthew 26:17-20

(p 1145)

They sang Psalms 113-118

Jesus sang a hymn before His death

Matthew 26:30 (p 1146)

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The early church had music

Paul & Silas Acts 16:25 (p 1275)

Early church sang hymns

- Ephesians 5:19 (p 1346)
- Colossians 3:15-17 (p 1354)

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Proper way to sing

1 Corinthians 14:15 (p 1322)

Music is good for the soul

James 5:13 (p 1389)

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**We believe in
Biblical Authority!**

**Matthew 21:23-27
(p 1137)**



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**We believe in New
Testament Authority**

2 Chronicles 29:25

(p 524)

Acts 2:5 (p 1253)



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**The only music
authorized in the NT
is SINGING**

Ephesians 5:19

Colossians 3:16

1 Corinthians 14:15



Musical instruments in celebrating the praises of God would be no more suitable than the burning of incense, the lighting up of lamps, and the restoration of the other shadows of the law. The papists, therefore, have foolishly borrowed this, as well as many other things, from the Jews. Men who are fond of outward pomp may delight in that noise; but the simplicity which God recommends to us by the apostle is far more pleasing to Him.

(JOHN CALVIN – Presbyterian)

What a degradation to supplant the intelligent song of the whole congregation by the theatrical prettiness of a quartet, bellows, and pipes! We might as well pray by machinery as praise by it.

(CHARLES SPURGEON – Baptist)

Music, as a science, I esteem and admire;
but instruments of music in the house of
God I abominate and abhor. This is the
abuse of music; and here I register my
protest against all such corruptions in the
worship of the Author of Christianity.

(ADAM CLARKE – Methodist)

“... John Wesley, who was a lover of music, and an elegant poet, when asked his opinion of instruments of music being introduced into the chapels of the Methodists said, in his terse and powerful manner, ‘I have no objection to instruments of music in our chapels, provided they are neither heard nor seen.’” (Quoted from ADAM CLARKE)

The church rings with the noise of trumpets, pipes and dulcimers; and human voices strive to bear their part with them. Men run to the church as to a theatre, to have their ears tickled.

(MARTIN LUTHER)

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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC IS NOT SINFUL BECAUSE ONE DOES NOT LIKE IT.

- ✓ Something is sinful when it transgresses God's law
(1 John 3:4)
- ✓ It rejects the authority of Christ
(Matthew 28:18)
- ✓ It is an addition to the word of God
(Revelation 22:18-19)
- ✓ It makes worship vain (Matthew 15:7-9)

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