

MUSIC IN THE CHURCH
Ephesians 5:18-19

- I. Worship to God is very important.
 - A. Must be done in spirit and in Truth. Jn 4:24
 - B. God's word is truth. Jn 17:17
 - C. What does God's word authorize in church music?
 - D. God does not accept that He has not requested.
 - E. What God wants He prescribes. He doesn't have to prohibit.
 1. Gopher wood excluded all other woods. Gen 6
 2. Correct fire excluded strange fire. Lev 10

- II. Ephesians 5:19 and Colossians 3:16 are God's prescription.
 - A. Don't be drunk with wine - as was pagan worshippers.
 - B. Be filled with the Spirit not spirits of alcohol.
 - C. Speak to each other - admonish each other with song.
 1. singing does build each other up.
 2. singing does instruct each other.
 3. singing in church is not designed to entertain.

- III. What must we use to praise God?
 - A. Psalms - (psalmos) Old Testament psalms or other pious songs.
 - B. Hymns - (hymnos) Sacred songs dedicated to God.
 - C. Spiritual songs - (oda) not pagan music but spiritual.

- IV. How do we accomplish giving Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs?
 - A. By singing - (ado) voice in praise to God.
 1. The voice is God's instrument.
 2. He created it and asks us to use it to praise Him.
 - B. Making music - (psallo)
 1. Psallo means to pluck, to twitch, to strum.
 2. Instrument to be used is not inherent within word.
 3. Context must determine the instrument to be used.
 4. A fishing line, guitar string, etc. can "psallo."
 5. What did God want plucked and played?
 - C. In your heart - with the human instrument.
 1. The heart strings are to be plucked.
 2. God no where authorizes a mechanical instrument.
 3. We dare not add to God's word.

- V. May we give God what He has requested.
 - A. Mechanical instruments may please us.
 - B. They were never authorized by God.
 - C. We must have a thus saith the Lord for all we do.