

WHY NO INSTRUMENTS IN THE LORD'S CHURCH?

- I. Christ did not authorize them or use them.
 - A. Christ taught the law of the Kingdom and excluded them. Mt 4:23
 - B. Christ is the head of the body and gives the rules. Col 1:18
 - C. Christ has all authority but did not authorize them. Mt 28:18

- II. Apostles did not authorize them in worship.
 - A. Were guided into all truth but didn't mention them. Jn 14:26
 - B. Didn't include any command or instruction in their writings.
 - C. Did include singing, however. Eph 5:19, Col 3:16

- III. They are not found in the truth of God's word.
 - A. God's word is truth yet His word is silent regarding them.
 - B. Must not add to nor take from God's word. Rev 22:18-19
 - C. God only accepts worship in accord with His will. Jn 4:24

- IV. They do not pertain to life and godliness.
 - A. Had God wanted them he would have included them in His word.
 - B. God has given us all that pertains to godliness. II Pet 1:3
 - C. God has not given us instruments in worship.

- V. They are not part of that which furnishes us completely.
 - A. God's word furnishes us completely. II Tim 3:16
 - B. God's word, scripture, excludes them.

- VI. They are not of the oracles of God. I Pet 4:11

- VII. They are after man's will. Col 2:20, Mt 15:9

- VIII. They are not of faith. Heb 11:6, Rom 10:17

- IX. They go beyond the doctrine of Christ. II Jn 9

- X. They are an invention of man.
 - A. Pope Vitalian first introduced them. (657-672 AD)
 - B. Even John Knox and John Calvin rejected them.

- XI. They are another type of music.
 - A. God has authorized only A Cappella music - voice only.
 - B. Instrumental music is another type - unauthorized.
 - C. They are not an aid but an addition.
 - D. We must reject them.