

**“SINGING AND
MAKING MELODY
IN YOUR HEART”**

EPHESIANS 5:19

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Why we sing and make melody in our heart without the use of mechanical instruments in worship:

I. WE ARE UNDER LAW TO CHRIST

- A. Law of Moses temporary (Gal. 3:19, 16, 23-25)
- B. Law of Christ in effect (1 Cor. 9:21; Gal. 6:2).

New Testament Passages:

Matthew 26:30

Mark 14:26

Acts 16:25

Romans 15:9

1 Corinthians 14:15

Ephesians 5:19

Colossians 3:16

Hebrews 2:12

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James 5:13

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II. No SUCH COMMANDMENT

A. Matthew 28:18-20

B. Colossians 3:17

C. Acts 15:24

D. No command to use mechanical instrument.
Command to sing (Col. 3:16).

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III. NO EXAMPLE

A. Christ taught by example (Jn. 13:15, 34).

1. No example of mechanical instrument in worship.
2. Example of singing (Mt. 26:30).

B. Apostles taught by example (Phil. 3:17; 4:9; Heb. 13:7).

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2. Example of singing (Acts 16:25).

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IV. WE ARE TAUGHT TO SING

A. There are passages which teach us to sing:

1. Romans 15:9 — “sing”
2. 1 Corinthians 14:15 — “sing”
3. Ephesians 5:19 — “singing”
4. Colossians 3:16 — “singing”
5. Hebrews 2:12 — “sing”
6. James 5:13 — “sing”

B. There is not a single passage which teaches us to play a mechanical instrument.

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(Passage)

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V. SINGING GLORIFIES AND PRAISES GOD

- A. Romans 15:9 — *“glorify”*
- B. Hebrews 2:12; 13:15 — *“praise”*
- C. Singing “to the Lord” (Eph. 5:19).
- D. No passage in the New Testament says anything about God being glorified or praised by use of mechanical instruments.

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VI. NOTHING SAID ABOUT SINGING WITH MECHANICAL INSTRUMENTS

- A. 1 Corinthians 14:15 — with spirit and understanding
- B. Colossians 3:16 — with grace
- C. Only two New Testament passages that speak of singing *with*, and it's not a mechanical instrument.
- D. What about praying with?

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VII. WE HAVE AN INSTRUMENT

A. Ephesians 5:19

B. It is the heart!

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VIII. MECHANICAL INSTRUMENTS DO NOT TEACH OR ADMONISH

A. Colossians 3:16

B. How have you been taught or admonished by a mechanical instrument?

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IX. NO MENTION OF MECHANICAL INSTRUMENTS IN THE CHURCH

A. Hebrews 2:12

B. Do read of singing in the church.

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X. MECHANICAL INSTRUMENTS DO NOT HAVE LIPS

A. Hebrews 13:15

B. People do!

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XI. WORSHIP MUST BE TRUE OR IT IS VAIN

A. John 4:24

B. Matthew 15:9

C. God's word is truth (Jn. 17:17).

D. Will worship (Col. 2:23).

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XII. WE WALK BY FAITH

A. 2 Corinthians 5:7

B. By the word of God (Rom. 10:17).

C. If not according to word, then cannot be practiced by faith. Thus, does not please God (Heb. 11:6).

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XIII. WE ARE NOT TO GO BEYOND WHAT IS WRITTEN

- A. Deuteronomy 4:2; 12:32
- B. 1 Corinthians 4:6
- C. 2 John 9
- D. Revelation 22:18-19

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XIV. THE SILENCE OF THE SCRIPTURES PROHIBITS THE USE OF MECHANICAL INSTRUMENTS

A. Leviticus 10:1-2

B. 2 Samuel 7:7

C. Hebrews 7:14

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XV. MECHANICAL INSTRUMENTS ARE AN INNOVATION INTRODUCED CENTURIES AFTER THE NEW TESTAMENT WAS WRITTEN

- A. Church historians make no mention of it for hundreds of years after Christ.
- B. The American Cyclopedia: “Pope Vitalian is related to have first introduced organs into some of the churches of Western Europe, about 670; but the earliest trustworthy account is that of the one sent as a present by the Greek emperor Constantine Copronymus to Pepin, king of the Franks, in 755” (Vol. 12, p. 688).

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. Hear the gospel (Mt. 17:5; Rom. 10:17).
2. Believe in Christ (Jn. 8:24; Heb. 11:6).
3. Repent of your sins (Lk. 13:3; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess your faith in Christ (Acts 8:37; Rom. 10:9-10).
5. Be baptized (Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38).
6. Be faithful unto death (Rev. 2:10; 1 Cor. 15:58)

Why Not Now?