

Why Don't You...?

# I. Why Don't You Use Mechanical Instruments?

# Issue is NOT

- Dollars
- Dislike
- Desire to be different

# Our stand harmonizes with . . .

## 1. NT teaching

Mt.28:18...

(Jn.16)

He taught;

Apostles

repeat.

Acts 2:42

NT tells us

what He

wants;

we do it.

2 Jn.9

NT tells us

where to

stop;

we stop.

Does NT authorize mechanical music?

Does NT authorize singing? (Ep.5:19)

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2. OT Teaching

“But OT authorized mechanical music’

How do you know?  
(Read it)

# OT taught same respect for authority as NT

You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you – Dt.4:2

- OT prophecy: spiritual covenant would replace physical

OT	NT
Animal sacrifices, Ps.66:13-15	Living sacrifices, Ro.12:1
Aaron: priesthood, Ex.28	Jesus: High Priest, Hb.7; 13:10-16
Harps, Ps.150	Heart, Ep.5:19

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**3. Leaders of protestant denominations**

**“The Greek Church disapproves the use of organs. The Latin Church introduced it pretty generally, but not without the protest of eminent men, so that even in the Council of Trent, a motion was made though not carried, to prohibit the organ at least in the mass”**

**– P. Schaff, *History of the Christian Church*, IV, 439**

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**“I have no objection to instruments of music in our chapels, provided they are neither HEARD nor SEEN” – John Wesley**

**“I say the same, though I think the expense of purchase had better be spared” – Adam Clarke, IV, 686**

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**“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” – John Calvin, Ps.33**

I. Why Don't You Use Mechanical Instruments?

II. Why Don't You Baptize Babies?

# To be forgiven of sins, we must obey Lord

- Mt.28:18-20, must be taught
- Mk.16:15-16, must be able to believe
- Lk.24:47-49, able to repent

Can infants do  
these things?

Babies are inno-  
cent (safe) –Jon.4

Some “baptize” those who do not  
need it, discourage those who do

# Babies are seldom (if ever) baptized

## Most are sprinkled

- Baptize: transliteration
- Baptize translated: immerse (Ro.6)

'Baptize' by **sprinkling**?

'Bury' by **sprinkling**?

'Run' by **riding**?

John 3:23

Mt.3:16

Acts 8:35-39

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**III. Why Don't You Abandon  
Baptismal Regeneration?**

Most know only what  
their preachers say

Some misrepresent truth

Baptismal regeneration: 'A sacrament of the New Law instituted by Jesus Christ, in which, as a result of washing with water accompanied by the words 'I baptize thee in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost,' a human being is spiritually regenerated, and made capable of receiving the other sacraments' –Donald Attwater, A Catholic Dictionary

# The Truth

- Baptism is not a sacrament
- Baptism does not remove sin w/o faith and repentance
- With faith and repentance, God's mercy regenerates at baptism, Tit.3:5

‘...not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, **through** the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit.’

- **Through:** ‘of the instrument used to accomplish a thing...’ – T.3:5 – Th.

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- **Washing:** ‘the bath that brings about regeneration’ – BDAG.
  - ‘One washes to be clean’ ... ‘this purifying effect of bathing is highlighted in Eph.5:26’ – purification carried out by means of and in the form of a bath with water...’

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  - ‘Christ takes as his bride the church, which he has washed of its sins (cf. Acts 22:16)’
  - ‘Born of water and the Spirit’ John 3:5
  - The baptized person is a new creation’  
– Spicq

# NT: Purpose of baptism

To be saved	Mk.16:16; 1 Pt.3:21
Remission of sins	Ac.2:38; Mt.26:28
Wash away sins	Ac.22:16
Get into Christ	Ro.3:3-6
Put on Christ	Gal.3:26-27

# “But I don’t think baptism matters”

- Who are you?
- What does God say?

Save  
Remission  
Wash away  
Get into  
Put on

When these words  
occur in context if  
physical illness...?  
...Rescue?  
...Finances?

- Naaman

# Abana River

