

Listening to Christian Music

- Listening to “Christian” music on the radio and or singing along with it.
- Going to a concert where this is the primary “music.”
- Are we worshiping when we sing along?
- Is such a violation of the teaching in the New Testament where we are commanded to sing without a mechanical instrument of music?

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- Matthew 26.30 –
- Acts 16.25 -
- Romans 15.9 -
- 1 Corinthians 14.15 -
- Ephesians 5.19 -
- Colossians 3.16 -
- Hebrews 2.12 –
- James 5.13
- Revelation 5.9; 14.13; 15.3

A MECHANICAL INSTRUMENT IS NOT MENTIONED IN ANY OF THESE PASSAGES

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- Do we (as members of the Lord's church) believe it's proper to use instruments of music in our worship to God?
- Yes!
- Just **not** "mechanical instruments of music.'
- Our "voice" is considered as an instrument of music.
- The only instrument of music that the Lord has asked of us in the church.

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- Two things are commanded: (1) **singing**, external, “***the fruit of the lips***” (Hebrews 13:15) and (2) playing, internal, “***with your heart***” (Ephesians 5:19). Since the earliest meaning of ***psallo*** (strengthened from ***psao***, to touch) is to strike, pull, twang, or pluck, the translation of Ephesians 5:19 becomes: speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, **singing** [*aido*] and **plucking** [*psallo*] the strings of your heart to the Lord.

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- [*psallo*] [verb] – King James word usage – total 5
- Sing (3-times) – Romans 15.9; 1 Corinthians 14.15
- Sing Psalms (1-time) – James 5.13 -
- Making melody (1-time) – Ephesians 5.19
- What is the “plucked instrument?” – in both Ephesians 5.19; Colossians 3.16 – “it is the heart” -