

WHY CHURCHES OF CHRIST DO NOT USE MECHANICAL INSTRUMENTS OF MUSIC #3

Why does the church of Christ not use any kind of mechanical instruments of music? THERE IS NO SCRIPTURE FOR IT!

Notice these passages which prohibit the use of mechanical instruments of music in the worship of the church.

Galatians 1:6-9 places a curse upon any who “pervert the gospel” by preaching “another gospel.” “But though we or an angel from heaven, preach **any other gospel** unto you than that which we have preached unto you, **let him be accursed.**” Man-made instruments of music in the worship of the church cannot be found in the Gospel of Christ. Therefore, their use in worship is “another gospel.” All who use them are accursed of God! This is very strong language! But God said it and that makes it clear that no man has a right to change it.

Romans 14:23 says, “...*whatsoever is not of faith is sin.*” Faith comes by hearing the “word of God” (Rom. 10:17) and without faith it is impossible to please God (Heb. 11:6). But the word of God does not authorize the use of man made instruments in the worship of the church. Therefore, they cannot be used “by faith.” To use them is SIN.

Second John 9-11 says, “*Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God.*” Nowhere does the doctrine of Christ authorize the use of mechanical instruments of music in worship. Therefore, to use them is to 1) Transgress God’s

word, 2) No longer abide in the doctrine of Christ, and consequently, 3) To use them makes us to be without God.

God has said what he wants in worship and no man or organization has any right to change it on any point. Here is every passage in the New Testament on the subject: 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, Hebrews 13:15, James 5:13, Revelation 5:8-9, Revelation 14:2-3, Revelation 15:2-3. Read these for yourself. See what God requires in the **worship of the church.** You will find the only music authorized is **SINGING**, not **PLAYING**.

What **MUST** those who use them do? **REPENT** is the only option. They can’t make excuses to justify it. Accept the truth and **REPENT**.

Also, some say they don’t use them and will never use them. But, they also say they will not condemn those who do. As a result, they end up defending those who use them by refusing to teach what the Bible says on the subject. That puts them in fellowship with those who do not hold the doctrine of Christ (2 John 9-11). They bid godspeed to those who practice error. That makes them a partaker of their evil deeds. What does God tell them to do? **REPENT** or else!

By the way, “we” don’t condemn anyone. God is the one who condemns. To be faithful, we must not accept what God condemns (John 12:48).

—Garland M. Robinson