



Questions Often Asked

“Why Don’t You Use Instruments In Worship?”

- Introduction:
1. Probably one of the most distinctive features of the church of Christ is our refusal to use mechanical instruments in our worship.
 2. Therefore, this is a question you need to be equipped to answer.
 3. Below is a rationale for our non-use of instruments and answers to common objections.

I. Why We Don’t Use Mechanical Instruments In Worship

- A. The answer is a simple one – we simply don’t have authority to use them.
- B. (Colossians 3:17; 1 Corinthians 4:6; 2 John 9-11).
- C. History gives additional support for our biblical position.
 1. “Accapella” Italian word; literally means “As in the chapel.”

II. Common Objections To The Biblical Position

- A. David Used Them
 1. David lived and worshiped under the Old Covenant which was nailed to the cross (Colossians 2:14; Romans 7:1-6).
 2. Would one be willing to affirm that everything in the Old Covenant is appropriate in New Testament worship?
- B. Angels Play Harps In Heaven
 1. First, Revelation is symbolic...spiritual beings in a spirit realm playing literal harps?
 2. Heaven is a different realm, governed by different laws.
 3. Would one be willing to affirm that the way things are in Heaven are the way things should be on earth?
- C. The Bible Doesn’t Say We Can’t Use Them
 1. Correct, but it does tell us what to do.
 2. Would one be willing to affirm that whatever the Bible doesn’t specifically condemn is approved?
 3. The Bible doesn’t tell us everything that we cannot do, it simply authorizes the things we can do.
- D. Music Is My Talent And God Would Want Me To Use My Talents
 1. Would one be willing to affirm that whatever one’s talent may be is appropriate to use in worship?
 2. To obey is better than to sacrifice (1 Samuel 15:22).
- E. It Is An Aid Just Like A Song Book Or A PA System
 1. There is a difference between an “aid” and an “addition.”
 2. An aid does not change the command, an addition does.
 3. Mechanical instruments change the kind of music God authorized.

- Conclusion:
1. We must seek to do only those things which God has authorized.
 2. While we are right in our opposition to the innovation of mechanical instruments in worship, we must be sure that we genuinely worship through our singing.