

Praising God with the fruit of our Lips! Heb. 13:15



Many times when I am talking about the Lord's church to a non-Christian. They will say "your church does not use music!"

Puzzled on how to respond, I have often said something that causes the non-Christian to be confused about how the churches of Christ praise God in our worship.

The first thing people seem to notice about the churches of Christ is that we do not use an instrument in our praise and worship to God. When people see this they think that we

do not praise God or do not have any type of music. This is far from the truth, because the churches of Christ have the best music and the largest chorus in town.

The music that we use is very biblical and it is how the first century Christians also praised God. The type of music we use is called congregational singing or a cappella music, which means in the likeness of the church or without instrumental accompaniment. The meaning of

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a cappella comes from the historical way that the Christians in the New Testament sang to God. The church has not always had instrumental music. If you were to look through history you would see that the instrument was a new practice added hundreds of years after Christ built his church (Mt.16:18). This means that humans have brought the

What the Bible says about a cappella music?

Not only is there historical evidence of Christians singing a cappella music, but by reading the Bible we can see the importance of singing without instruments. The Bible tells us the benefit of singing without instruments is:

- Heb. 13:15 Fruit of our lips
- James 5:13 Spiritual emotion
- Rom. 15:5-6 Shows unity
- 1 Cor. 14:15 Done with our mind
- Eph. 5:19-20 Spirit dwells in us
- Col. 3:16-17 Heart felt
- 1 Cor. 14:26 Encouragement
- Rev. 4:8 Praise God

These verses tell us why we are to sing with our mouths and hearts. It is done to show our faith, give thanksgiving to God, and to show our love for God.

The Bible also gives us some early songs that Christians sang. Phil. 2:6-11; 1 Tim. 3:16; and Col. 1:15-16. All this shows

A wise preacher once said...

Not only is a cappella music Biblical but the Bible says, God inhabits the praises of his people (Ps. 22:3). That means he lives in MY PRAISE. Ask this question: Would you rather hear an old saint sing Amazing Grace, who was a little off key and praising God? Or would you rather hear an orchestra play Amazing Grace? I would rather hear the old saint. And I believe God would too. God inhabits the praises of his people. And if we do not praise him, the Bible says that the rocks will cry out in praise? (Luke 19:37-40) I would much rather hear my grandbaby speak my name than hear the New York Orchestra play it. I think God is the same. He is A father who wants his children to talk to him and praise him with their lips and hearts.

Hebrews 2:12

"... I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee."

May we sing from the bottom of our hearts and souls, with the fruits of lips that Christ is our Lord and King!

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