

Why Acapella?

Making a joyful noise unto the Lord is more than making noise. It all about praising Him through the use of our voice.

Some who worship the Lord really fail to understand the Word of God. Some wonder why th4 Churches of Christ do not have mechanical instruments during the worship service. It is not because we cannot afford musical instruments or that we don't have anyone to play them or that we do not like music or that we are just trying to be different. The reason we do not use mechanical instruments of music in worship is because we do not have authority from God to do so.

Musical instruments were introduced by man in 670 A.D. That is well over 600 years after the Church of Christ began. The Methodists, the Lutherans and Presbyterians were all against mechanical instruments used during the worship service. Even the Baptists were opposed to musical instruments.

What happened? Well, man always is trying to get God to fit into their desires rather than fitting into what God has set up for man to follow. In the world we have experienced what is called social or cultural change. This means that things we believe or do is questioned by one person or a small vocal group. They make enough noise so that those in charge step aside out of weakness and let them have their way. This has caused people to worship God according to the rules of man rather than maintaining and following the laws and rules of God.

The scripture that really says it all about man trying to get God to fit man's designs is **Matthew 15:9 "And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men"**.

Scripture:

I Corinthians 14:15 So, what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my understanding; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my understanding.

Instrumental music in the worship of the church is:

- Not taught by Christ (Mat. 28:18; Col. 3:17; 2 John 9).
- Not taught by the Holy Spirit (John 16:13; 14:26; Rom. 8:14).
- Not taught by the Apostles (Mat. 28:19-20; Acts 2:42; Gal. 1:6-9; 1 Tim. 6:3-4).
- Not in the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:27).
- Not helpful (Acts 20:20).
- Not a good work (2 Tim. 3:16-17).
- Not of faith (Rom. 10:17; 2 Cor. 5:7; Heb. 11:7).
- Not of truth (John 4:24; 17:17).
- Not of righteousness (Rom. 1:16-17; 1 John 5:17).
- Not as the oracles of God (2 Tim. 1:13; 1 Pet. 4:11).
- Not bound in heaven (Mat. 16:19).
- Not pertaining to life and godliness (2 Pet. 1:3).

Questions?

- 1. Do those who attend the Church of Christ dislike instrumental music?**
- 2. Should we follow the Word of God or the desires of man?**
- 3. Does God want us to praise Him through song or not?**

Next Steps: Listen to some acapella songs on Youtube.com that glorify God.