

# **“Why Do Churches Refuse Instruments Of Music?”**

Lesson Text: **Colossians 3:16-17.**

## **I. Misconceptions About Why Churches Refuse Instrumental Music.**

- Not Because It's Just Our Tradition And Our Heritage As A Movement.
- Not Because We Just Don't Like Them In Worship— Our Preference.
- Not Because We Can't Afford Them. Most Churches Can, If They Choose To.
- Not Because We Don't Have Anyone Who Can Play Them.
- But Because It Is An Addition To The Worship And Therefore Wrong And Sinful.

## **II. Because There Is No Bible Authority For Instruments In Worship.**

- How Do We Know When We Have Bible Authority For What We Say Or Do?
  - **exousia:** *“Power of choice, liberty of doing as one pleases; leave or permission.”*
- It Is Established In Three Ways: **Thayer, J. H. (1889).**
  - Divine Statement (What God Says). **1 Corinthians 11:23.**
  - Approved Example (What N.T. Disciples Did). **Acts 20:7.**
  - Necessary Inference (Inescapable Conclusion) **Acts 20:7.**
- They Determined This About Circumcision:
  - Peter Spoke in **vs. 7-11.** Approved Example of Cornelius and Necessary Conclusion.
  - Paul And Barnabas Spoke in **vs. 12.** Approved Example And Necessary Conclusion.
  - James Spoke in **vs. 13-21.** Direct Statement And Necessary Conclusion.
- Only Ten Verses In The New Testament That Speak Of Music In Worship To God.
- **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; 13:15; James 5:13.**
- None Of These Passages Have An Instrument Involved In Singing To God.

## **III. Because God's Silence Prohibits Instrumental Music In Worship.**

- Often Said To Us: “The Bible Doesn't Say Not To Use Instruments In Worship.”
- Those Who Use Instruments Want A Verse To Prohibit It— But Fail To Prove It.
- God's Silence Has Been Used To Prohibit:
  - David's New Cart In **2 Samuel 6:3— 1 Chronicles 15:13.**
  - Nadab And Abihu's “Strange Fire” In **Leviticus 10:1-3.**
  - Prohibited Any Other Tribe But Levi From Being Priest- **Hebrews 7:11-14.**
- God Commanded And Regulated Instrumental Music In The Old Testament.
- **1 Chronicles 23:5; 2 Chronicles 29:25; Deuteronomy 12:32.**
- But No Command Or Ordinance For The Instrument In New Testament Times.
- The Same Is True Of Circumcision, Sabbath Keeping, Burning Of Incense, Food Laws...

## **IV. Because Instruments Of Music Cannot Be An Aid Or Expedient.**

- Often Said To Us: *“It's Just An Aid To Help Our Bad Singing.”*
- The Reason Given For The Melodeon Introduced By L.L. Pinkerton, At Midway, Ky. In 1860.
- Chart By Robert Harkrider On Generic And Specific Authority Of Aids.
- Aids Or Expedients Are Always Used In Carrying Out What God Wants.
- There Is No Regulation Or Authority For Instruments In Worship.