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"This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you" 1 John 1:5

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## —TO OUR NEIGHBORS—

This little article is intended for those who are not members of the Church of Christ, our neighbor who have received this paper for the past few weeks, or perhaps today for the first time. Be sure and read this.

The Church of Christ is anxious for the people of this area, as well as other places to know us. That is, we would like for the people to understand our plea, our motive and the principles of truth for which we stand. We verily believe if the people in general understood us better, they would not be so easily prejudiced against us. Therefore, we hope you will accept this little paper each week as our token of good-will and friendliness. We hope you will take time to sit down and read every word of it. We believe it will enlighten you as to what we believe teach and practice.

We have absolutely no desire to make any claim, teach or practice anything that cannot be sustained by the authority of God, as it is revealed in the Bible. There is a standard of authority in the religion of Jesus Christ; and we believe and teach that it is the New Testament. We believe that all religious people, should take the standard of authority and be wholly guided by it. Therefore, anything that is not found upon the sacred pages of God's Book, should not be believed or practiced in religion.

It is the aim and purpose of the Church of Christ to unite in Christ

all who will obey Christ. Heb.5:9. Our Savior prayed just before he went to the cross for the unity of all believers in Him."Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou Father, art in me and I in thee; that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." Jno.17:20-21. This unity for which our Savior so earnestly prayed cannot be attained in man made creeds or by following church manuals. But it can be realized only by taking the New Testament as our only guide in faith and practice. For men to do this, has been, and shall continue to be our plea. We invite you to take your stand with us, and join us in this plea, for it is an infallibly safe course. (Ed.)

## BIBLE QUESTIONS

Many times when people read some religious article, they would like to ask the author some questions concerning some point in the article. We extend to you an invitation to send us your Bible questions. If you have any question that pertains to the Bible, we shall be happy to give it our most serious consideration, and give the answer in this paper. Send us a Bible question this week. Just address it to, Mr. Vestal Chaffin Route 1, Clemmons, N. C.

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COME TO BIBLE STUDY SUNDAY 10 A.M.

# QUESTIONS—BIBLE ANSWERS

## IS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC ONLY AN AID TO SINGING?

The following is a letter which I received from one of the readers of the Warner's Chapel Messenger. I deeply appreciate this question because it is one that has caused much confusion in the religious world. I give here the first question in the letter.

"Dear Mr. Chaffin,

"I am a reader of your church bulletin. Will you please tell me the difference in using an instrument of music in the church as an aid to singing, and using a blackboard in the church as an aid to preaching."

(ANSWER)

Let us suggest first of all that we have a perfect guide in our work and worship unto God. Christ said just before he ascended back to His Heavenly Father, "All power is given unto me in Heaven and in earth." The revised version says, "all authority", therefore Christ has the right to legislate as to what we can do, and what we cannot do. Christ said to his apostles "but the comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall TEACH YOU ALL THINGS, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I HAVE SAID unto you." Jno. 14:26 Again he said, "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, HE WILL GUIDE YOU INTO ALL TRUTH;" Jno. 16:13. Thus we can see that what the apostles taught was not merely their opinion, or what human wisdom suggested. But they were directed by the Spirit of God as they went about teaching the Gospel. This same Holy Spirit guided the apostles in writing the New Testament. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be PERFECT, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

2 Tim. 3:16-17. Thus the apostles were directed by the Holy Spirit in writing the New Testament. And it will make a man "perfect" if he will be guided by it.

Now, with this in mind let us examine the question. The argument is often made that mechanical instrumental music is ONLY an aid to singing in worship. This seems to be the understanding of our querist. Let us see if it is only an aid. The New Testament teaches us to make vocal music in worship unto God. "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, SINGING and making melody in your hearts to the Lord." Eph. 5:19. Again, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns, and spiritual songs, SINGING with grace in your hearts to the Lord." Col. 3:16. "I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I SING praise unto thee." Heb. 2:12.

In these passages you note that the kind of music to be used in worship is specified; that is to sing. There are only two kinds of music known to man, and they are vocal and instrumental. God has specified vocal music in worship unto Him. When we play upon the instrument, we have added another kind of music. Therefore, when this is done we have transgressed the law of Christ. "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth IN the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the son." Those who use instrumental music in worship do not abide in the doctrine of Christ, hence do not have the Father.

When we use instrumental music in our worship and teach others that it is right, we teach a doctrine.

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**OUR SERVICES**

SUNDAY

Bible Study.....10:00 A. M.

Worship.....11:00 A. M.

Worship..... 7:00 P. M.

WEDNESDAY

Ladies Bible Class.....2:00 P. M.

Prayer Meeting.....7:30 P. M.

THURSDAY

Men's Training Class..7:30 P. M.

A Welcome awaits you in all our Services.

SNORING

A man consulted his physician to be cured of the habit of snoring. "Does your snoring disturb the wife?" asked the physician. "Why it disturbs the whole congregation," replied the patient.

**NEWS**

Brother Tom Cartwright was absent from services Sunday due to illness.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Sister Clara Holder's father Wed. afternoon.

Sister Bessie Kimel, at the time, is still confined to her home.

Brother A.P. Warner is seemingly improving.

There were sixteen ladies present for Bible Class today.

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SERMON SUBJECTS

The sermon for Sunday morning 11:00 service will be "The Importance of Being in Christ".

The sermon for Sunday Evening 7:00 service will be "Burdens We Must Bear".

SELECTIONS

It is the weakness of man that we should fear, not his strength.

Some People are like buttons--- always popping off at the wrong time.

The cleanest test of character is what a man will laugh at.

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rine that is different from that which Paul taught. Let us hear Paul on this point, "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. As we said before, so say I now again, if ANY MAN preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed." Gal. 1:8-9.

Did Paul preach that Christians should use instrumental music in their worship? Certainly not! Those who do teach it are teaching a different doctrine to Paul, and he said the curse of God would rest upon them... Had the Galatians received instructions to use instrumental music in their worship? No! Therefore, "If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed." Gal. 1:9.

When God specified vocal music to be used in worship, He excluded all other kind of music. Hence, those who use the instrument have violated God's law by adding to that which God commands.

But what about using a blackboard to aid in preaching or teaching a gospel sermon? Does using a blackboard violate any principle of God's Word? We think not.

Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations." Matt. 28:19. The Lord said "go", but he did not tell them how to go. He did not tell them to run or walk, ride a train, car, plane,

or horse. Therefore the preacher can do either of these things in going. It is left entirely up to him as to the way he travels.

The Lord told him to preach or teach the Gospel, but he did not tell him how to teach or preach it. He did not say to preach by word of mouth only. Therefore since the Lord has not told us how to preach we are at liberty to use the blackboard, the printing press writing with a pen, or any other method that does not violate the will of God. We might use all of these methods that I have mentioned, and still only the word of God has been preached. But when we use mechanical instruments of music in worship we have added another kind of music. Instrumental music is not an aid to singing, it is a different kind of music. But a blackboard is only an aid to help impress the sermon preached.

(Next week we shall discuss, "Why auxiliaries in the Church are wrong.") ----Ed.

GOOD BOOKS

Do you plan to give Christmas gifts this year? If so, Why not give a good book? A good book will continue to do good through the years. A good Bible, Bible Dictionary, Bible Concordance, or a good Bible Story book, makes a most appropriate gift.

If you are interested, see Bro. Chaffin, immediately. He will be glad to help you select what you want.