

**What is Truth? John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy Word is truth.**

### **New Testament praise**

Dear reader, it is again a privilege and a blessing, to be able to share with you, some scriptural truths. In the religious world today, there are many different ways given to praise the Lord. There are many different ways given in The Old and New Testament, to praise Him. In the Old Testament, all that was under the old law was given instructions on how to praise Him. These instructions were given by God, through different ones, and if followed circumspectly, these made them right [righteous] with Him.

**Exod 23:13** And in all things that I have said unto you be **(1)CIRCUMSPECT**: and make no mention of the name of other gods, neither let it be heard out of thy mouth.(KJV)

**Definition:(1)CIRCUMSPECT-8104** shamar (shaw-mar'); a primitive root; to hedge about (as with thorns), i.e. guard; generally, to protect, attend to, etc.: KJV-- beware, be circumspect, take heed (toself), keep (-erself), mark, look narrowly, observe, preserve, regard, reserve, save (self), sure, (that lay) wait (for), watch (-man).

If we are of God we must hear God's word; "**John 8:47** He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God." In Matt. the 17th chapter verses 1-8, God made it clear, to whom Christians must hear; "**Matt 17:5** While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him." According to God, Christians must hear Christ and him only, note verse 8. Christians must be doers of the word, and not hearers only (**James1:21-27**).

Christ then made it clear in John the 17th chapter, on how Christians are to believe on him and why; "**John 17:19** And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. **20** Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; **21** 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." According to Jesus Christ, all must believe on him through the Apostles word, so that we ALL may be one. We can only find their word, in N. T. scripture. Remember, Jesus gave them the word (**please read Matt.28:20; John 17:14**). Then the Apostles verified their authorization by Jesus Christ;

**Acts 1:1** The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, **2** Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: **3** To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:(KJV)

**1 Cor 11:1** Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ. **2** Now I praise you, **brethren**, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you. **3** But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.(KJV)

**Phil 3:17** Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.

**1Thes 4:1** Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more. **2** For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.(KJV)

**2 Pet 3:1** This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: **2** That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, **and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour: 3** Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,(KJV)

Dear reader; we thought the following referenced scriptures, concluded our study on NEW TESTAMENT PRAISE, but we were somewhat CONFUSED. We were CONFUSED, in that most religious organizations play music to “PRAISE the Lord” in their worship services. We know that the Lord is not the author of CONFUSION, please read; “**1Cor 14:33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.**” We also know by SCRIPTURE, that if ONE religious organization, plays music to “praise the Lord” in their worship, then ALL MUST, in order to be right [righteous] with God (see John 17:20-21). But, after searching N.T. scriptures thoroughly, we have NOT found any EXAMPLE, or COMMAND for the use of INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC: for PRAISE, or WORSHIP. ALL CHRISTIANS MUST speak the same thing, according to the APOSTLES doctrine. Please read; “**1 Cor 1:10** Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.” “**Phil 3:16** Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, **let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.** **17 Brethren, be followers together of me,** and mark them which walk so **as ye have us for an ensample.**” “**Eph 5:13** But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. **14** Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. **15** See then that ye **(1)walk (2)circumspectly**, not as fools, but as wise, **16** Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. **17** Wherefore be ye not unwise, **but understanding what the will of the Lord is.**(KJV)

**Definitions:(1)walk**-4043 peripateo (per-ee-pat-eh'-o); from 4012 and 3961; to tread all around, i.e. walk at large (especially as proof of ability); figuratively, to live, deport oneself, follow (as a companion or votary): KJV-- go, be occupied with, walk (about).1) to regulate one's life 2) to conduct oneself 3) to pass one's life **(2)circumspectly**-199 akribos (ak-ree-boce'); adverb from the same as 196; exactly: KJV-- circumspectly, diligently, accurately, perfect (-ly).

Keeping all these things in mind, please get your bible, and let us now note the definitions, and scriptural examples of New Testament Praise. These are the examples, instructions, and commands, given by Jesus Christ, through the Apostles, to those of the church that he is building, and is the head of. Just as those under the Old Law, those of the One Faith must follow circumspectly the instructions given in the New Testament blueprint of The Church, to be right [righteous] with God.

**Reference Scriptures to Praise (#1)...** Definition: **Praise**-133 ainesis (ah'-ee-nes-is); from 134; a praising (the act), i.e. (specially) a thank (-offering): KJV-- praise, a thank-offering

**Heb 13:12** Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. **13** Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach. **14** For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come. **15** By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of **(#1)praise** to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.(KJV)

**Reference Scriptures to Praise (#2)...** Definition: **Praise**-134 aineo (ahee-neh'-o); from 136; to praise (God): KJV-- praise.1) to praise, to extol, to sing praises in honor to God 2) to allow, to recommend 3) to promise or vow

**Luke 2:13** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host **(#2)praising** God, and **saying, 14** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.(KJV)

**Luke 2:20** And the shepherds returned, glorifying and (#2)praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them. (KJV)

**Luke 19:37** And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and (#2)praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen; (KJV)

**Acts 2:47** (#2)Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. (KJV)

**Acts 3:8** And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and (#2)praising God. (KJV)

**Acts 3:9** And all the people saw him walking and (#2)praising God: (KJV)

**Rom 15:11** And again, (#2)Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people. (KJV)

**Rev 19:5** And a voice came out of the throne, saying, (#2)Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great. (KJV)

**Reference Scriptures to Praise (#3)...** Definition: **Praise**-136 ainos (ah'-ee-nos); apparently a prime word; properly, a story, but used in the sense of 1868; praise (of God): KJV-- praise.1) a saying, a proverb 2) praise, laudatory discourse

**Matt 21:15** And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; they were sore displeased, **16** And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected (#3)praise?(KJV)

**Luke 18:43** And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave (#3)praise unto God.(KJV)

**Reference Scriptures to Praise (#4)...** Definition: **Praise** -1391 doxa (dox'-ah); from the base of 1380; glory : KJV-- dignity, glory (-ious), honour, praise, worship.

**John 9:24** Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the (#4)praise: we know that this man is a sinner.(KJV)

**John 12:43** For they loved the (#4)praise of men more than the (#4)praise of God.(KJV)

**1 Pet 4:11** If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be (#4)praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

**Reference Scriptures to Praise (#5)...** Definition: **Praise** -1867 epaineo (ep-ahee-neh'-o); from 1909 and 134; to applaud: KJV-- commend, laud, praise.to approve, to praise

**Luke 16:8** And the lord (#5)commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light. (KJV)

**Rom 15:11** And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and (#5)laud him, all ye people. (KJV)

**1 Cor 11:1** Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ. **2** Now I (#5)praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you. **3** But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.(KJV)

**1 Cor 11:17** Now in this that I declare unto you I (#5)praise you not, that ye come together not for the better, but for the worse. (KJV)

**1 Cor 11:22** What? have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I (#5)praise you in this? I (#5)praise you not.

**Reference Scriptures to Praise (#6)...** Definition: **Praise**-1868 epainos (ep'-ahee-nos); from 1909 and the base of 134; laudation; concretely, a commendable thing: KJV--praise. approbation, commendation, praise

**Rom 2:29** But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose (#6)praise is not of men, but of God. (KJV)

**Rom 13:3** For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have (#6)praise of the same: (KJV)

**1 Cor 4:5** Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have (#6)praise of God. (KJV)

**2 Cor 8:18** And we have sent with him the brother, whose (#6)praise is in the gospel throughout all the churches; (KJV)

**Eph 1:6** To the (#6)praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. (KJV)

**Eph 1:12** That we should be to the (#6)praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. (KJV)

**Eph 1:14** Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the (#6)praise of his glory. (KJV)

**Phil 1:11** Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and (#6)praise of God. (KJV)

**Phil 4:8** Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any (#6)praise, think on these things. (KJV)

**1 Pet 1:7** That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto (#6)praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: (KJV)

**1 Pet 2:14** Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the (#6)praise of them that do well. (KJV)

**Reference Scriptures to Praise(#7)...** Definition: **Praise** - by singing-5214 humneo (hoom-neh'-o); from 5215; to hymn, i.e. sing a religious ode; by implication, to celebrate (God) in song: KJV-- sing a hymn (praise unto).1) to sing the praise of, to sing hymns to 2) to sing a hymn, to sing.

**Matt 26:30** And when they had (#7sung an hymn), they went out into the mount of Olives. (KJV)

**Acts 16:25** And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and (#7sang praises) unto God: and the prisoners heard them. (KJV)

**Eph 5:19** speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, (#7)singing and making melody (\*)in your (\*)heart to the Lord;

**Col 3:16** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, (#7)singing with grace (\*)in your (\*)hearts to the Lord.”

**Definitions:(#7)singing-**103 *aido* (ad'-o)' a primary verb;to sing, to the praise of anyone, to sing: KJV-- sing.....(\*)in-1722 *en-in, by, with, etc.....*(\*) your **heart-**2588 *kardia* (kar-dee'-ah); prolonged from a primary *kar* (Latin, *cor*, "heart"); the heart, i.e. (figuratively) the thoughts or feelings (mind); also (by analogy) the middle: KJV-- (+broken-) heart (-ed).

In **Eph.5:19**, we found SPEAKING, not PLAYING to ourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs. We found SINGING, not PLAYING. We found making melody IN (with or by) our HEARTS (minds), **not WITH INSTRUMENTS**. Lastly we found this was to be done to THE LORD according to the apostle's doctrine; NOT Singing and Playing, but SINGING and making melody in our hearts to THE LORD. Scriptural food for thought, the statements “in your heart(s); in their heart(s); in he, she, the heart(s)” was used many times in the Old Testament, not ONCE did we find that MELODY was to be made in, by or with THEIR heart(s). According to Old Testament Scriptures, melody was to be made with INSTRUMENTS and this made THEM, the Children of Israel right (righteous) with God. Christians are to let the word of Christ dwell in us richly in all wisdom; thereby teaching and admonishing one another by spiritual singing (see Col.3: 16). Singing is what the Apostles' doctrine teaches, NOT songs accompanied by music, in groups, to the pleasure of the ear; but to the Lord.

**Heb 2:12** Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I (#7sing praise) unto thee. (KJV)

**Reference Scriptures to Praise (#8)...** Definition: **Praise** -2127 *eulogeo-* 1) to praise, to celebrate with praises 2) to invoke blessings 3) to consecrate a thing with solemn prayers a) to ask God's blessing on a thing; from a compound of 2095 and 3056; to speak well of, i.e. (religiously) to bless (thank or invoke a benediction upon, prosper): KJV-- bless, praise.

**Luke 1:64** And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue loosed, and he spake, and (#8)praised God.(KJV)

**Luke 6:27** But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, 28 (#8)Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.(KJV)

**Luke 24:53** And were continually in the temple, praising and (#8)blessing God. Amen.(KJV)

**Rom 12:14** (#8)Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.(KJV)

**1 Cor 10:16** The cup of blessing which we (#8)bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?(KJV)

**James 3:8** But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. 9 Therewith (#8)bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of

God. **10** Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. **11** Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?(KJV)

**1 Pet 3:8** Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: **9** Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise **(#8) blessing**; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.(KJV)

Understanding the preceding scriptures, we continued our search for the TRUTH. In Eph.5:19, we found singing and making melody IN OUR HEARTS [minds] to THE LORD; not singing and making melody WITH INSTRUMENTS to THE LORD. Those of the One Faith, the Church that Christ is building and is the Head of, have been instructed on how to worship; “**John 4:23** But the hour cometh, and now is, **when the true worshippers** shall worship the Father **in spirit and in truth**: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. **24** God is a **Spirit**: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.” Remember, Grace and TRUTH comes by CHRIST; “**John 1:17** For the law was given by Moses, but **grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.**” When we worship God, it MUST be by the spirit of Christ, and the Truth of N.T. scriptures.

In searching under GRACE and TRUTH, which is the NEW TESTAMENT, where the APOSTLES’ doctrine and commands are found, we found the word MUSIC, ONLY ONCE, and it had nothing to do with praising the Lord or worship, as a matter of fact, it has NOTHING to do with the Church that Christ is building, and is the Head of (**Eph.5:22-33; Col.1:12-20; Col.2:1-23**), please read; “**Luke 15:25** Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard **(1)MUSICK** and dancing. **26** And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant. **27** And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound.”

**Definition:(1)MUSICK**-4858 sumphonia (soom-fo-nee'-ah); from 4859; unison of sound ("symphony"), i.e. a concert of instruments (harmonious note): KJV-- music.

Continuing our search under GRACE and TRUTH, we found the word PLAY, ONLY ONCE, and it had nothing to do with musical instruments of praise or worship, but with **IDOLATRY**, Please read; “**1 Cor 10:6** Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. **7** **Neither be ye idolaters**, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to **(1)PLAY.**”

**Definition:(1)PLAY**-3815 paizo (paheed'-zo); from 3816; to sport (as a boy), 1) to play like a child 2) to play, to sport, to jest 3) to give way to hilarity, especially by joking, singing, or dancing: KJV-- play.

In our search of the NEW TESTAMENT, in the apostles’ doctrine, we found the word **INSTRUMENTS**, ONLY TWICE, and they had nothing to do with MUSIC, nor praise or worship, but about our BODIES being instruments of SIN, rather than instruments of RIGHTEOUSNESS, Please read;

**Rom 6:12** Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. **13** **Neither yield ye your (1)MEMBERS as (2)INSTRUMENTS of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as **(2)INSTRUMENTS** of righteousness unto God. **14** For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. **15** What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. **16** Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? **17** But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.(KJV)**

**Definitions:(1)MEMBERS**-3196 melos (mel'-os); of uncertain affinity; a limb or part of the body, a member, limb: a member of the human body; used of bodies given up to criminal intercourse, because they are as it were members belonging to the harlot's body: KJV-- member. **(2)INSTRUMENTS**-3696 hoplon

(hop'-lon); probably from a primary hepo (to be busy about); an implement or utensil or tool (literally or figuratively, especially offensive for war): KJV-- armour, instrument, weapon.

Dear reader, please note this, in our search of the NEW TESTAMENT, the words PLAYED; PLAYING; PLAYER; PLAYERS; INSTRUMENT, were NOT ONCE found. All of these were found many times under the Law of Moses; under the Levitical priest hood; under David the king of Israel (under the OLD TESTAMENT), but not ONCE under GRACE and TRUTH (under the NEW TESTAMENT) under CHRIST and His Apostles' Words, commands and or Doctrine (**John17:17-21; Acts 1:1-3; Acts 2:41-42**). In this study there is one more word that was found many times in the OLD TESTAMENT, that was not found ONCE, in the NEW TESTAMENT, and that is "**SINGERS**". Note the definitions:

**2 Chr 29:27** And Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt offering upon the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the song of the LORD began also with the trumpets, and with the **instruments ordained by David king of Israel. 28 And all the congregation worshipped**, and the (#1)**SINGERS** sang, and the trumpeters sounded: and all this continued until the burnt offering was finished.(KJV)

**Definition #1) SINGERS**-7892 shier or feminine shiyrah-a song of Levitical choirs as a feminine noun: 2) a song; a song, an ode

**Ezr 7:24** Also we certify you, that touching any of the priests and Levies, (#2)**SINGERS**, porters, Nethinims, or ministers of this house of God, it shall not be lawful to impose toll, tribute, or custom, upon them.(KJV)

**(Definition #2) SINGERS**-2171 seamier (Aramaic) (zam-mawr'); from the same as 2170; an instrumental musician: KJV-- singer.

**Neh 10:28** And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levies, the porters, the (#3)**SINGERS**, the Nethinims, and all they that had separated themselves from the people of the lands unto the law of God, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, every one having knowledge, and having understanding;(KJV)

**(Definition #3) SINGERS**-5411 Anthony (naw-theen'); or Nathan (Ezr. 8:17) (naw-thoon') (the proper form as passive participle), from 5414; one given, i.e. (in the plural only) the Nethinim, or Temple-servants (as given to that duty): KJV-- Nethinims.Temple slaves assigned to the Levies and priests for service in the sanctuary

**1 Chr 9:33** And these are the (#4)**SINGERS**, chief of the fathers of the Levies, who remaining in the chambers were free: for they were employed in that work day and night.(KJV)

**Ecc. 2:8** I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces: I gat me men (#4)**SINGERS** and women (#4)**SINGERS**, and the delights of the sons of men, as musical instruments, and that of all sorts. **9** So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem: also my wisdom remained with me. **10** And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labor: and this was my portion of all my labor. **11** Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labor that I had labored to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun.(KJV)

**(Definition #4) SINGERS**-7891 shier or (the original form) shower (1 Sam. 18:6)-1) to sing 2) singer, **SONGSTRESS** (participle) to sing: sing (-ER, -in man, -in woman).

Please remember, there are many examples of CHOIRS and special GROUP SINGERS under the OLD LAW, but NOT ONCE under CHRIST. We are no more CONFUSED, for we are SCRIPTURALLY CLEAR on the topic of New Testament Praise, authorized by GOD through CHRIST and His Apostles. For ANY MAN to implement musical instruments, choirs and or group singing for the Church that Jesus Christ

is the head of, is implementing ERROR; simply because JESUS CHRIST through his Apostles didn't! Once again we are no more CONFUSED, but we are SADDENED, that so many souls are participating in these things that JESUS CHRIST has not put in place; that cannot be found in His APOSTLES' doctrine, commands and or examples. How dare we put things in place for our FLESHLY LUSTS and VANITIES, and then say we are Praising The Lord, when actually we are praising ourselves. The Apostles' words are perfect, as they were guided by The Holy Spirit. Their examples and commands are clear and complete, they MUST NOT and CANNOT be amended by MAN, thereby TRULY PRAISING THE LORD. How do we error? Please Read; "**Matt 22:29** Jesus answered and said unto them, (1)Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God."

**Definition:(1)Ye do err** 4105 planao (plan-ah'-o); from 4106; to (properly, cause to) roam (from safety, truth, or virtue): KJV-- go astray, deceive, err, seduce, wander, to cause to stray, to lead astray, to lead aside from the right way, 2) metaphorically: a) to lead away from the truth, to lead into error and sin, c) to be led aside from the path of virtue, to go astray, to sin d) to sever or fall away from the truth; used of heretics.

SINGING is what the Apostles' doctrine teach, NOT SINGERS. The requirements for singing in the Apostles' doctrine, is different than those of singers. The Apostles' requirements for singing, as they were guided by the Holy Spirit, are these "**Col. 3:16** 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.**" These requirements are SPIRITUAL. The requirements for singers [choirs and group singers], in the religious world today, are these: one must be able to sing as required by the group or group leaders. One must be able to sound good to the ear; one must NOT be tone deaf (in other words be able to hit a note), one must be able to perform. Lastly one must be able to "look the part". If one doesn't meet these requirements, he or she cannot be apart of this esteemed group, put in place by man; and these requirements are CARNAL.

There are those that proclaim to be of the One Faith that participates in these GROUP singings, competing one against the other: voting for best group, and or album. One group not sounding so well to the ear is shown disapproval; by being applauded less and even those getting up and walking out on their performance. It has been said, the other group SATISFYING THE EAR, is shown approval by much applause, and then most sadly, some by money being thrown on the stage. This is ALL CARNAL, FLESHLY, WORLDLY and VAIN which is not of the FATHER, but is of the WORLD (**Rom.8:5-9; James 4:4-10; 1John2:15-17**)! Those that continue in these things and those that FELLOWSHIP them, are not of the Father, because these things are NOT OF CHRIST and His Apostles (**2Thes.3:6**). Please consider this carefully. Those that are not good enough to meet your fleshly, carnal requirements, are they not your brothers and sisters? Don't you think to be told that "you are not good enough", might hurt them? Thank God, they are not good enough to participate in ERROR! However they are good enough to sing praises to the Lord, **as instructed by the APOSTLES' DOCTRINE (Matt.28:20; Acts 1:1-3; 2:41-42)**, if they have followed the steps that put one in Christ, thereby putting on Christ in baptism, according to scripture. And have let the word of Christ dwell in them richly in all wisdom.

We must not reject the words of the Lord: **John 12:48** "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." Not walking in the order of the Apostles will result in certain circumstances, which MUST be carried out by those of the One Faith. **Please read carefully; "II Th 3:6** Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye (1)withdraw yourselves from every brother that (2)walketh (3)disorderly, and not after the (4)tradition which he received of us. 7 For yourselves know **how ye ought to follow us:** for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you;"

**Definitions:(1)withdraw yourselves**-4724 stello (stel'-lo); properly, to set fast ("stall"), i.e. (figuratively) to repress (reflexively, abstain from associating with): KJV-- avoid, withdrawself; to remove oneself, to depart; to abstain from familiar intercourse with one. **(2)walketh**-4043 peripateo-to walk: Hebrew for, to

live, to regulate one's life, to conduct oneself, to pass one's life **(3)disorderly**-814 ataktos-disorderly, out of ranks (often so of soldiers) deviating from the prescribed order or rule **(4)tradition**-3862 paradosis (par-ad'-os-is); from 3860; transmission, i.e. (concretely) a precept; KJV-- ordinance, tradition.

Note here the apostles Paul, John: **2 Cor 13:5 (1)Examine yourselves**, whether ye be **in the faith**; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be **(2)reprobates?**(KJV)

**Definitions:(1)Examine yourselves**-3985 peirazo (pi-rad'-zo); from 3984; to test (objectively), i.e. endeavor, scrutinize, discipline: KJV-- assay, examine, go about, prove, try. **(2)reprobates** 96 adokimos (ad-ok'-ee-mos); from 1 (as a negative particle) and 1384; **unapproved**, i.e. **rejected**; by implication, **worthless** (literally or morally): KJV-- castaway.

**I Jn 4:5** They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.**6** We are of God: **he that knoweth God heareth us**; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

Thanks again for your interest in the WORD of TRUTH; GRACE and SALVATION; John 17:17-21; Acts 20:29-32; James 1:21-25. After all it is our MAP to HEAVEN, and away from HELL! Now here is a SCARY thought, let not this be our end because of MAN'S interpretations and traditions; Now let's listen to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ: "**Matt 7:21 Not every one** that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; **but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day**, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? **23** And **then will I profess unto them, I never knew you**: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. **24** Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and **doeth them**, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: **Matt 25:41** Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:"

Dear readers remember as always, the purpose of these articles is to seek the TRUTH according to THE WORD, thereby exposing ERROR, for the purpose of **saving our souls**. We believe this is best done by definitions and the PREPONDERANCE OF SCRIPTURES; which is having superior weight, force, importance, or influence of SCRIPTURE. Again we believe this allows SCRIPTURE to INTERPRET SCRIPTURE, thereby allowing a better understanding on that topic. Again, thank you so much for your interest in the **WORD of TRUTH; GRACE and SALVATION**; John 17:17-21; Acts 20:29-32; James 1:21-25. After all it is our MAP to HEAVEN and away from HELL, and the **continuance in it**, is the **ONLY** thing that allows the man of God to be perfect, **2Tim.3:12-17!**

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