

Rock Music and Worship

There is little resemblance between modern, popular forms of worship and the New Testament teaching regarding the worship of God. In fact, many people know very little about the forms of worship taught by the apostles to the early church. That being the case, churches have introduced many worldly forms of music into their worship services in an effort to pacify their members.

Rock and other types of music have become prominent features in the worship practices of the largest religious denominations. In order to keep up with popular trends, many other religious organizations have followed suit. It seems to me that a person who is thinking spiritually should want to avoid the “style” of rock music in worship considering its link to promiscuous sex and drug use.

The music of the Lord’s church in the New Testament was spiritual and congregational (Eph 5:19; Col 3:16). One historian wrote: “*The prevailing mode of singing during the first three centuries was congregational. The whole congregation united their voices in the sacred song of praise, in strains suited to their ability*” (Ancient Christianity Exemplified, pgs. 329, 330).

Churches that have adopted programs of entertainment for their membership are not considering the word and will of God. We can clearly read about the church of the New Testament, her organization, teachings, practices and forms of worship. It should be our desire to be New Testament Christians (Gal 1:6-10). The true worshipper of God is seeking to please Him, and not to entertain himself or to satisfy fleshly desires (Jn 4:24; Acts 17:23).

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