

**General Topics :: Quality Christian Music****Quality Christian Music - posted by dougr777 (), on: 2017/3/3 13:46**

I'm looking for some quality Christian worship music to listen to, the Contemporary Christian music scene just have very shallow music and lyrics, and I'm missing the days of music that Keith Green produced. Thanks for your suggestions, blessings!

Re: Quality Christian Music - posted by amajesticone (), on: 2017/3/3 14:51

Hi Doug and All,

ESTHER MUI sings pure scripture and has put many Psalms to music. May I suggest "Isaiah 53 - By His Stripes."

AARON KEYES has also put much scripture to music. His CD "DWEELL - the Living Room" edition is really good.

LAUREN DAIGLE has depth to her songs.

BOB CULL has written much worship songs out of experiential knowledge.

Everyone has their favorites, I'm sure :)

Mary

Re: Quality Christian Music, on: 2017/3/3 15:15

Check Jason Bellard songs in Youtube.

But it is RARE today to find a Christian songs that really is for the LORD because many so-called Christian musicians and bands are really just making money in the name of GOD.

Re: Quality Christian Music - posted by twayneb (), on: 2017/3/3 15:27

Doug: I am not in any way trying to be trite with this comment, but why don't you just listen to Keith Green.

I too grew up in the 80's and was ministered to in a powerful way by the uncompromising lyric of people like Keith Green, Petra, Degarmo and Key, Steve Camp, etc.. I agree that it is hard to find a lot of CCM today that has the same hard hitting lyric. There is some. I listen to LeCrae and Tedashi when I am in a mood for it. Crowder is almost always good as is Jeremy Camp. I listen to a lot of worship music. Occasionally into southern gospel. That was my roots growing up. My Grandfather grew up with Albert Brumley's boys and played that style music in the hills just south of my home. Still have a lot of Delirious? on my phone. But it seems my go-to music is still that music from the 80's. My wife sometimes teases me good-naturedly about it.

I do a lot of song based listening. Maybe one song has powerful lyric and really ministers to me. I will listen to that song and it may be the only one that I listen to from that artist.

Re: Quality Christian Music, on: 2017/3/3 15:36

Doug, Aileen Gilchrist sings beautifully and scripturally. She can be found on youtube and right here on SI.....bro Frank

Re: - posted by drifter (), on: 2017/3/3 16:24

John Fischer (his album Naphtali is great), Dallas Holm, Phil Keaggy, Matthew Ward, Love Song, Mustard Seed Faith, pretty much anything from the Jesus Music era. (And Keith Green of course!) A lot of CCM nowadays is so flat and lifeless, in my opinion.

For worship music, I think anything Times Square Church puts out is stellar; also I like Robin Mark.

I like some christian rap too, but TRUCE is my favourite (the group Nicky Cruz put together). Also The Cross Movement.

Re: - posted by dougr777 (), on: 2017/3/3 16:40

Hi Brother Travis,

I have been listening to Keith Green since 1987 when I was first introduced to his music and ministry. As a musician I have a lot of different musical tastes so I have been trying to find that blend of quality Christian music with words based in truth and Scripture that points to the Word and not the flesh.

Re: Quality Christian Music - posted by dougr777 (), on: 2017/3/3 17:03

Thank you for the replies to this thread, I'm looking forward to listening to the new music. Never heard of some of them.

I wanted to share some music I listen to from a couple at the college I attended in Upstate New York who lead a weekly time of worship and prayer.

<http://www.pilgrimsongs.us/home>

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/3/3 19:40

Saints,

Of course all these recommendations are wonderful. But some saints might not know that we have 1600 mp3 worship songs and hymns for free also on SermonIndex here: <https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/viewcat.php?cid=168>

I would also like to recommend these albums: <https://scripture-lullabies.com> we play them around our house for our children but also for adults. It is very encouraging scripture songs being sung softly.

Re: Quality Christian Music - posted by Lysa (), on: 2017/3/3 22:52

Paul Baloche

Anything by Tommy Walker is absolutely wonderful, he ministers a lot overseas.

Robin Mark's "Revival in Belfast" will always be one of my favorites

Re: - posted by leyoung (), on: 2017/3/4 0:54

Dennis Jernigan

Marty Goetz

Re: Quality Christian Music - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2017/3/5 19:03

Exactly what style of music are you looking for?

It is very hard to recommend music when you know the lifestyle of some of the singers. So many who were in it professionally pursued sinful lifestyles....e.g. Charlie Louvin sang about the pitfalls of alcoholism but was an alcoholic and died a death in which alcohol was present; was an abuser, violent man. I love the Louvin Brothers' religious music but why, oh why, did Charlie have to go off the rails like he did?

Still, what kind of music are you looking for?

Sandra

Re: - posted by staff, on: 2017/3/5 19:26

Hi Sandra

I have a different stand point on music, music to me is neutral when it comes to Christianity. I'm not talking about lyrics just the music. I produce some Christian music as a hobby but inspired by God I believe. I can use the same tune or series of notes to make something Godly or something Ghastly, I can add beautiful words that revere God or I can add words that tickle the ears of the world.

My opinion on Christian Music if I am being honest and not wanting to hurt anybody's feelings are that it's mostly badly produced and has a lot of poor musical melody.

We have a serious issue when it comes to Christian Music an issue which I find it hard to verbalize.

Are the songs we are making for the Church to hear or for the world? or for both?

The way I see it is that we are currently in a phase of making worldly music for the church thinking wrongly that it will attract the world. We are having an identity crisis,

Yours staff

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2017/3/5 20:35

Staff-

Are you saying that the popular worship music in churches today is essentially pop music with Christian lyrics?

I would certainly agree if that is what you mean but I am not sure if/why you find that objectionable.

If it's not hymns, the only option would seem to be pop or ballad type melodies.

As an aside, I have toyed with the idea of changing some of the lyrics to the song "close to you" by the Carpenters to make it a worship song. Not sure if that would be sacrilegious or not.

Re: - posted by staff, on: 2017/3/6 7:47

Hi TMK,

More or less yes but poor quality pop/modern music.

Ok my objection is the intent behind making of the music.

We think that it will in some way make us attractive to the world. I'm not talking about Sunday Morning Worship, I'm talking about Christian music you hear on Christian radio stations.

The production is of high quality but the songs are so poor, instantly forgettable because it's just an imitation product. We think that this music has some evangelical properties but it doesn't it's just bland, bland, bland.

I think music is neutral for the most part so if you had never heard the music of "close to you" before that music could become a worship song but because we have heard it before it wouldn't work due to the baggage it brings.

I have a saying :

We are making Worldly music for the Church,

I want to make Church music for the World,

We are the group of people who say we have a hotline to heaven but our music for the most part doesn't reflect that.

Yours staff

Re: , on: 2017/3/6 8:39

I think Staff makes some good points. Todd may have been right a couple of centuries ago when many choruses and hymns were written to the melodies of popular ballads. My own opinion is that in most churches I have visited, they all follow a similar pattern and all of their worship bands sound the same and they seem to be rock or pop wannabes. The electric guitar and drums typically drown out the words and the beat or the rhythm seem to be more important than the words. In my almost 30 years as a Christian, the most effective worship for me has been some little old lady sitting at a piano or someone leading out with just a guitar. I think simplicity is the key. I think most of what we hear today is just noise.....
...bro Frank

Re: - posted by sam09 (), on: 2017/3/6 14:14

Does anyone know any information about Jason Bellard? His music has strong good messages, but it be good to know what he believes etc

Thanks

Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2017/3/6 16:41

In the 80s and 90s Hosanna Inegrity put out some wonderful praise and worship music. Many of the songs from the Word.

Don Moen, Kent Henry, Lenny LeBlanc, Paul Baloche, and Paul Wilbur were some of my favorites. Dallas Holm traveled with David Wilkerson in the 70s.

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2017/3/6 19:36

staff,

I reckon I am not sure I know what you are looking for. I know what I like - I like for it to be beautiful to the ears, not noise like another poster said. I also like it to be something that invites singing along which is why I appreciate acapella music with four part harmony. I cannot stand 4-11 songs - 4 words repeated 11 times. I think this is an insult to one's intelligence.

Anyhow - do not want to open a can of worms here because music is a topic that seems to invite controversy. But would like to know exactly what you consider good music. If you want to know what I think is really good music is just go to a conservative Mennonite church when they have a hymn sing and listen to it. Now that is what I love - everyone singing to their hearts content - and so what if someone is singing off-key?! They are singing to the LORD and in the meantime the lyrics are becoming in-bedded in the subconsciousness mind that will come back to minister to the soul and spirit in times of need.

Sandra

Re: - posted by staff, on: 2017/3/6 20:18

Hi

We have at least two different types of music in the Church that I can see
Church Worship music

A: Hymnal which could have a modern take with consistently strong content. Some of the famous hymns are well known by Christian and Non Christian alike, The really Great ones have a great message and great musical melody.

B; Modern Worship Music which at its best like Hillsongs Where Feet May Fail are great but although they top Christian Charts have no effect on the regular charts (non Christians don't hear them) At their worst they are neither fit for the Church or the World (they have a conflicted target audience, they don't know what they are about) and some of them might have poor theology.

I like the good modern worship music and the famous hymns from the past whether they have a modern take or not. As Greg said there are 1600 mp3s added to SI to listen too which is a valuable resource to say the least.

Going forward I think we need modern music with a great message that is listened too by the world. That seems like an amazing tall order! There are a couple of steps we need to take if we want our songs to be evangelical or spread truth to the world.

1: The Music has to be great (it will be great if it is inspired by God) like it was in the old testament Temple

2;The message of any such song should not try to cover every theological truth in the bible but just chip away with one truth.

For instance the truth could be in "one second I could be dead" which makes people think what happens after death or it could be "about the end of the world" etc

A song I can think of with what I am talking about are "You got the love" which had these words

When food is gone you are my daily meal, oh

When friends are gone I know my savior's love is real

This song charted high up as I remember and gets regular airplay on non Christian radio stations etc

Its this third type of music that will have an effect on the world that has the great music and simple message that is an arrow to the heart.

We have so many disadvantages when it comes to producing world beating Christian music;the world has more quality musicians,songwriters,producers and singers than we.The world can sing about ear tickling subjects etc.

We however have one resource that is a game changer when it comes to quality music and lyrics and that is the Holy Spirit.When we can tune into what God wants to say then we will get a message through our songs to the world,

Yours Staff

Re: - posted by staff, on: 2017/3/6 20:43

Hi Sandra

Im with you I like hymns or modern Christian Songs with a great musical melody and great message.For me its in this order Music,Lyrics and production.

For me a Christian song has to have three qualities similar to a Letter taking as a given the production is good.

1:It needs an envelope= Music

2:It needs a Letter= The Message

3:It needs a Stamp= The stamp equals the quality of the Music

Alot of what im hearing only has Music and Message but without real quality music the Letter and Message cant get delivered!

I see no reason why the world should not Marvel at the good songs we produce,whether they then pay heed to the contents of the letter at least we can say its been delivered!

Hugh

Re: , on: 2017/3/6 21:14

Hi Staff.

We talked about this song I wrote a few weeks ago. It has just came out of the studio so no youtube yet but here is if you want to hear. Let me know what you think.... bro Frank

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/yulkjx7ar8nk8u2ohxwwt/l%20will%20love%20you%20Forever%20%202%20.mp3?dl=0&oref=wn&sm=1>

Verse 1

Oh Child of mine

Wont you love me today

Will you walk with me

Will you listen and pray

Will you come to me

In the still of the night

In the peace of the day

In the midst of the fight

Verse 2

I will love you forever
My Lord and my King
You have all of my heart
And your praises I'll sing
Forever and ever
Till the end of my days
You'll have all of my love
You'll have all of my praise

Chorus

Will you come now my child
Will ye stand here before me
Will you fall to your knees
As your sin melts away
And will the world see my beauty and glory
And will you tell all the world of my story

Verse 3

Oh Lord of mine
I will love you today
I will walk with you
I will listen and pray
I will come to you
With my arms open wide
Will you fill me and fill me
Like the incoming tide

Verse 4

For you are forever
My lover and friend
I'll love you forever
It shall never end
For you came and died
Just to set my heart free
Now the lame man can walk
And the blind man can see

Chorus

Will you come now my child
Will ye stand here before me
Will you fall to your knees
As your sin melts away
And will the world see my beauty and glory
And will you tell all the world of my story

Re: - posted by staff, on: 2017/3/6 21:24

Hi Frank

Will do just signed up and sent a request to let me access,
As soon as that comes throughlooking forward in anticipation ..staff

Re: - posted by staff, on: 2017/3/7 17:42

Hi Frank

Beautiful performance, well spaced, great lyrics and music. My favorite bits are the two same 4 second piano pieces at 1:20 and near the end and I love the way it ends with minimal music.

Also Like the background music is exactly that and the backing harmonies which may or may not be the same singer and the male voice which I think I needed in my production. When I saw the length of the song 3:13 I thought that it would be a hard fit lyrically but it worked perfect.

It would probably work with a bit of percussion as well but not necessary.

Her voice is so effortless and Celtic I love it.

Also the song doesn't have an identity crisis.

I have a song produced with the same idea in the sense of using old music and another similar unproduced which uses questioning like that but about a different subject.

I haven't put it up on the web or anything as I wanted to get a choir to sing it in a competition but if I get the hang of Dropbox I'll send you a link,

Ok overall I would be immensely proud (in a good way) if I had produced that song and would be totally happy with the arrangement and the professionalism. I pray that God will bless his music and that it will have a great influence on many.

It's hard to describe the total delight when bringing a project like that from beginning to end unless you've done it, the only thing I can say to describe it is this: This is how God must feel when he creates.

Yours well done again,

Staff

Re: , on: 2017/3/7 21:03

Thank you Staff, I am going to cut and paste your comments for it will really encourage the singer and the producer (who is the male voice). There is a final version that ends accapella which is really good. Now, I have to put a video together for it then it will be finished. I asked her to go back into the studio and change some things which she did without any complaint. I would like to go home to Scotland and work with Mary a couple of singers I know and produce more. This is the fifth I believe.....bro Frank