

General Topics :: Using worldly methods to bring in the unsaved**Using worldly methods to bring in the unsaved - posted by deltadom (), on: 2018/4/28 12:36**

I had to move today because a group called potter's House was in the usual place I evangelize the rap music was so bad that you can hear it up the street, it is not pleasant

1 John 2:15-17 King James Version (KJV)

15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

It is so hard to think that it produces many false converts which saddens my heart and that associate Christianity with this type of thing when biblical Christianity is lost as they communicate a different message that one in the Bible

Re: Using worldly methods to bring in the unsaved - posted by drifter (), on: 2018/4/28 14:05

I'm curious as to what they were preaching through their music/ message? If it's the same ministry operated by T. D. Jackson, that's scary.

However, I do believe God can use rap music, if it's Christ centered.

T.R.U.C.E. is a rap group Nicky Cruz formed to reach young people in ghettos and slums. They preach the gospel and many people are saved, like gangbangers, prostitutes and drug addicts.

Re: Using worldly methods to bring in the unsaved - posted by TrueWitness, on: 2018/4/28 14:53

Sadly, I am more familiar with what you speak of than I wish I was. I joined a new church here closer to me a while back and felt comfortable in it. At first, I didn't know how to categorize them. They weren't legalistic, not charismatic, not 'evangelical reformed' or any other label I could pin them with. Over time I realized they are definitely 'seeker friendly' but not an extreme example of it. Much of what bothers me is not what is spoken from the pulpit but WHAT IS NOT SPOKEN!

The pastor wants to see many souls brought into the kingdom but is using human reason and means to make it happen. He is against anything that looks like legalism or being 'holier than thou'. I get that and I also would want to avoid that. Unfortunately, he chooses to avoid preaching against sin (in unbelievers or believers lives). I'm sure if you pressed him he would acknowledge that he's against it but you sure don't hear anything in the messages about it probably because he is afraid of being legalistic or judgemental or 'throwing stones'.

So when at the end of the messages rolls around and an evangelistic appeal is made, the emphasis is on forgiveness and the free gift of God in Jesus. I don't think they say the word 'repentance' but perhaps say one sentence about the need to turn away from the 'old life'. They point you to 'believer's baptism'. I agree with this, it is not a criticism. Nobody is referred to as 'sinner' or 'lost' but rather, 'unchurched' as if our greatest need is to get in a church (rolls my eyes). The pastor actually made this statement in a message: "I don't want to be in a church of Christians trying to be better Christians". I don't think every message should be nothing but talking about sanctification and being conformed into the image of Christ but I do think it is important and should perhaps occupy perhaps 25-30% of the preaching/teaching.

So they go from receiving Jesus and forgiveness immediately to service and evangelism without any proper 'discipleship training'. I do think even baby Christians can start witnessing and telling their story to others and God can use that. I believe baby Christians can start doing social gospel type service. I am just dismayed at how getting busy with social gospel type service is done in lieu of any proper study of deeper aspects of New Testament living dealing with full-fledged discipleship. But then that would involve messages about 'dying to self and the flesh'. Most people have problems with that and because it is *possible* that someone could feel condemned with that type of message, they are avoided.

Also, every other week or so the band begins service by playing a secular song (that does not have any obvious sinful lyrics). When Prince died they played Purple Rain. The other week they played All Along The Watchtower. They played We Are The Champions when the local sports team won it all. And this is to make 'unchurched' people feel that we are not 'religious'. And if what they mean by 'religious' means legalistic, judgemental or holier than thou I would wholeheartedly agree. But sometimes I feel that some here think 'religious' also includes showing or expressing love, devotion or piety to an uncomfortable level and it might 'turn off' the unchurched. It seems they love nothing more than to find something that gets close to the line between sinful and OK and stay just this side of OK. They want the world to think of Christians as being like MORAL people of the world but who have an add-on who is Jesus. But we don't want you to think we're weird about it or go overboard into fanaticism. But hey, we do all sorts of social gospel style outreach and service stuff so everything's cool don't you know.

Oh, and church is always cancelled on Super Bowl Sunday. The pastor said "nobody show up anyway" which is an exaggeration but is thrown out there to justify it. And in 2016 when Christmas was on Sunday, no church on that day either. When the local sports team had 'opening day', that Sunday was Team Day at church and a lot of folks wore sport jerseys and hats to church. Again, all of this is done to appeal to the 'unchurched' and make them feel comfortable among us Christians who aren't 'religious'.

Before coming here I had come from a Charismatic church but over the years that movement has lost its way in significant areas. There are many wonderful Charismatics but the leadership won't speak against errors within it. The devil has infiltrated it with lots of goofy teachings and practices and nobody will stand up and call them out on it. That is why I left.

There are conservative traditional churches who are cessationist. Some are legalistic, some not. The services are tightly orchestrated and cannot be considered 'led by the Spirit'. I grew up in these type churches and to me, they just seem dead. Having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof. The people are mostly sincere and earnest.

So of the 3 types of churches in America: Charismatic, conservative traditional, and seeker friendly, they all have faults. There are things that really bug me about all 3. And I guess being in this seeker friendly church has opened my eyes and I actually think I despise the focus and means in seeker friendly church more than the other 3. There, I said it. I'm leaving and I don't know where I'm headed. Pray for me for wisdom here. Thanks!

-Daniel

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2018/4/28 14:55

I agree Nigel- certain youth in certain areas only relate to hip hop/rap.

If the lyrics have a godly message and people are listening, that has to be a good thing.

To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

1 Corinthians 9:22-23

I get where Dom is coming from because so much of rap music is vile to the core so the issue is whether the style can be redeemed by godly lyrics. That debate has been around a long time.

Re: - posted by deltadom (), on: 2018/5/1 4:13

My dad was originally a drug addict and before then my dad was planning to open a drug rehab centre in the UK as he got marvellous saved, I got saved out from the world.

I do not want to live that lifestyle in church.

This is why I think it is fundamentally wrong for a church to promote worldly methods to bring in the unsaved.

1Co 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

1Co 2:4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power

What abhors me is the amount of false Christian converts it produces

My problem is I had this when I was younger trying to relate to us using worldly methods whilst ignoring us as individuals or even answering our questions

Phil Fernandez I think states it is like using methods that the world has already dumped

1 John 2:15

15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him

I don't think this verse exists or is even being preached in the church anymore

When I preach on the street it is to save souls and not through my own power as I am weak, Jeremiah and Noah preached to nations and the world when only a few were saved

To me being more faithful in preaching is good, I do not mind changing things such as tracts or tech

Re: - posted by deltadom (), on: 2018/5/1 4:31

I have found their church website <http://www.pottershouse.co.uk/about-us>

But there is no sermons or anything as doctrinal statements can be misleading as people just tend to copy and paste them

What I find so strange is that they ship people in who are not even local to the town to do a concert then leave and then do the same thing like a month later

They are deceived and to me who is there week after week in heaven, just laughs because it is so worldly and they are not really committed.

They are not linked to Ted Jake's as he is a modalist

Using rap or hip hop just does not work and it is not biblical, the thing is the music was absolutely terrible it was not even good rap or hip hop as you could not hear the lyrics as the sound was terrible.

To me using the bait and switch tactic just does not work

Re: Using worldly methods to bring in the unsaved - posted by staff, on: 2018/5/1 5:34

Hi

I think we have to define what a "worldly method" is first.

I think if it portrays the biblical message clearly and without any other message included then it isn't worldly.

For instance Rap could be used if it had a Godly Message.

The problem with Christian Music is an unusual one:

The world doesn't listen to worship music, so it's not effective in reaching the world.

So worship music is only good for the Church right?

Not exactly either because Christian Musicians and producers have long since started making their worship music sound worldly so it will become more attractive and in doing so have forgotten who worship music is intended for i.e. The Church.

If you are with me a lot modern Christian music is neither good for the goose or good for the gander!

FOOTNOTE: The production quality of the songs Christian Musicians and producers make is very good, it's just that the songs themselves are not near the quality of the world's music because for the most part it's just uninspired filler. Staff

Re: - posted by deltadom (), on: 2018/5/2 5:25

The world doesn't listen to worship music, so it's not effective in reaching the world.
So worship music is only good for the Church, right?

Luke 16:15

And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.

This is the whole point the church is supposed to be a sanctuary from the world, in the Bible we commanded to preach the word to reach the lost so it's not our own methods.
God reaches the lost, I would say worship music is good for church.

Love not the world nor the things in the world because the love of the father is not in you

If I am rescued from things such as nightclubs and drink and drugs, I do not want to go to church and hear the same music in the church to lead me back to that lifestyle, this is why the church has got to be other

This is what so sickens me about the worldliness in the church, as people stay in their sins

Re: - posted by staff, on: 2018/5/2 19:12

Hi Delta

I think that's my point the worship music we are getting needs to be straight good quality worship music (most of it isn't) and if we want to reach the lost with Christian music then it shouldn't be worship music and it should be the very best and inspired from heaven

your quote:

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Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2018/5/2 20:01

Hey Staff I was curious about who you think puts out high quality worship music- I realize this is rather subjective but I was wondering who you liked (so I can check it out if I don't know them).

Re: - posted by drifter (), on: 2018/5/2 20:44

What about rock music? It seems to me God used people like Keith Green powerfully. I know there is a lot of so-called Christian music out there that does not honor God at all.

I just don't see why God can't use different kinds of music (please keep in mind I was once strongly opposed to any Christian rock; I thought it was worldly and not of God at all.) But look at the fruit of Keith Green or Dallas Holm, for example. They are not worldly; they have a burning desire for holiness and to see people saved. Both of them knew David Wilkerson, Dallas toured with him for years, and Wilkerson is the last person I would accuse of lukewarmness or producing false converts.

Dominic, I know you love Jesus, so don't take this the wrong way, but you (and me, and every other Christian) have to make sure we don't get trapped in a theological box; we can't make the road too broad, but we can't make it narrower than God makes it.

God bless friend.

Re: - posted by staff, on: 2018/5/3 19:04

Hi TMK,

Thats a really great question.I want you to get inside my head a bit before I answer.I have been lead I believe to produce music even though I cant sing or play any instrument.My method of production is this I come up with the music first and the criteria is this,The music has to be Catchy or Beautiful or both.If it isnt the song doesnt go any further.I then put the lyrics to the song.My music is not worship music but Christian music for the unsaved.

For me the benchmark of a modern worship song is hillsong Oceans and im not necessarily a hillsong fan.With this song they got amazing music and godly lyrics thats up there with any secular music.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dy9nwe9_xzw

Also they got hillsong got it right again with "Healer" if you can look past all the controversy regarding the singer.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VpR0TNxtS2k>.

Again this song has amazing music and thats the basis but only the basis for a great Christian worship song you also have to add the inspired lyrics.So for me the music has to be really good so that you would hum the music even without words in it. Here is a link to my first youtube video of music my stuff.The songs have a Christian message but are mostly not worship and sometimes are just a pointer to one of Gods attributes or a biblical truth.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vUQoUJNPDKs&t=14s>

Anyway I know its subjective but its not completely subjective some music is just great to almost all people.What is your idea of a good worship song?urs staff

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2018/5/3 20:00

I agree Hillsong has some very powerful songs lyrically and musically.

I *really* liked your song and video- very well done. It is reminiscent of several artists that I like a lot.

Re: - posted by staff, on: 2018/5/3 20:28

Thanks TMK,

I felt with the SOS song that God was saying John Harper is an unsung hero and I want you to honour him and in doing so some people might ask who is John Harper and why was he a hero.The second song The Big Sleep is a lullaby about waking up and making a song for heaven and earth to sing for God together and then at the end of the day going back to bed.So they tell a little story each and the whole Album(not complete yet due to finances)you get the complete story about who is God ,what are his characteristics and attributes and why I need him in a genre the world might listen too.The y are mainly Pop or I call them "POP HYMN" My aim is to put Christian Music's best foot forward .

It is an absolute time consuming and financial struggle but I believe they are inspired and hope for a breakthrough.

I also like the songs bro Frank posts with a singer Aileen Gilchrist ,very effective lyric,music and vocals.I think some are in the SI archive urs staff

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2018/5/3 20:29

I have been reading the book of Ezekiel - have studied it before but it has been a long time.

When I read the prophets, the message they share with the people I wonder how moderns would react? And they spoke as the LORD told them to. Talk about drama, unconventional drama...and God says no one would listen. Hmmmm I see where God is more interested in the speaker being obedient then being successful in his preaching - maybe this is the lesson God wants people to take note of.

Sandra

Re: Using worldly methods to bring in the unsaved - posted by deltadom (), on: 2018/5/5 7:04

Talking about worship music I worked in the christian bookshop and used to play christian music every day and review it , I live in Hemel Hempstead and used to go to matt redmans church.

I do not have any problems with songs even some of hillsongs songs such as mighty to save or others, some I do but theologically some worship songs are completely of the wall.

When we are measuring standards who's are they? because normally musicians tend to look at the beatles and then compare that to say christian music whilst and say that the beatles is better than christian music. I am just using them as a

n example.

When it comes to Christian music it is the lyrics and whether music can be placed side by side with the world and you can see any difference.

What I also hate with these types of groups is that use worldly methods is that there is no exposition of scripture, how is a new convert suppose to grow if you do not go through the scriptures, what ends up happening is they become a rapid atheist who has tried christianity and hates it after three years at a mega church

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2018/5/5 9:14

Dom-

I agree that much of today's "Top 40" contemporary worship music that gets a lot of airplay on the radio is very shallow, and with the change of a few words could be a country love song. And they want it that way! Personally, I can't listen to it. On the way to church on Sunday morning I put on the classical station that plays sacred classical music on Sunday mornings. But I have a lot of very good worship music on iTunes and Spotify and I would not call it "pop" Christian music.

You really have to search elsewhere to find deeper Christian music.

I know that you were only using the Beatles as an example, but it is a good one. What if there was a Christian worship band and who had the musical creativity and talent of the Beatles?

Staff's point along these lines is that the talent and giftings of truly Christian musical artists should FAR EXCEED that of the Beatles. Why? Because look at Who **should be** inspiring their music!

If there is music in heaven (Not sure about this, scripture doesn't tell us) will it only be mediocre? I sort of doubt that.

I related a dream I had on another thread and in part of that dream there was a worship song playing and I was holding the sheet music in my hand and the music was so overwhelming that all I could do was tremble-- In the dream, I tried to speak to describe it but was physically unable to do so- it was so unutterable I could not get any words out.

Re: , on: 2018/5/5 9:47

I don't see music being used in evangelism in the Bible. It is the preaching of the Word with signs following. Much of Today's western church is powerless so it has to use gimmicks to get an audience. If the blind see, the sick are made well, & the dead are raised to life - as they were in the 1st century church - then gimmicks are unnecessary. Theological arguments are unnecessary. It is simply JESUS being preached & demonstrated as being in our midst.

I've played guitar for 40 years & worked professionally in secular music as well as (mega)church music. Some nice tunes along the way, but they are no replacement for an anointed Word going forth with salvation, healing, & deliverance as the result.

Most of the "successful" churches in the western world today are all about the hashtag, branding, marketing demographics, & big business strats----all wood, hay, & stubble.

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2018/5/5 13:35

//Most of the "successful" churches in the western world today are all about the hashtag, branding, marketing demographics, & big business strats----all wood, hay, & stubble.//

Ain't that the truth. We had to leave our last church for that very reason. Couldn't stomach it any longer.

Re: - posted by staff, on: 2018/5/5 14:31

Hi Delta,
Ur Qoute

"When it comes to Christian music it is the lyrics and whether music can be placed side by side with the world and you can see any difference."

For me its the music,the music has to be top class.Why? because the music is the "delivery system" or the "postman" if you like.If the music isnt any good no matter how Godly or theologically sound the lyrics are they dont get delivered,they just wont.I look at it like sending a letter,you have the envelope(the music) and the letter(the lyrics) and the stamp(the quality of the music) or the seal that delivers the letter to its destination.If it has a quality sound it will get delivered over and over again. Put even another way if the music is not important then instead of writing christian songs ,write Christian poetry but Christian poetry is not as effective for a few reasons,urs staff

Re: - posted by staff, on: 2018/5/5 14:40

Hi Calvary,

I think you hit the nail on the head,it has to be genuine and the genuine cant be replaced by the strategy of business applied to the church,urs staff

P.s if you have any advice or know of anyone that can be of assistance to me getting the songs im making out there id appreciate it

Re: - posted by drifter (), on: 2018/5/5 16:12

"I don't see music being used in evangelism in the Bible."

I would say it is. The book of Psalms is a songbook, as well as Song of Solomon, Jesus and His disciples sang hymns, as well as Moses, Hannah, Asaph, Joshua and the Israelites bringing down the walls of Jericho, the saints in Revelation, the angels etc.

Let's not forget Charles Wesley's beautiful hymns, or Martin Luther's, or Fanny Crosby's. William Booth and the Salvation Army used music in evangelism, as well as Evan Roberts in the Welsh revival. D. L. Moody had Ira Sankey, David Wilkerson had Dallas Holm, Keith Green's music is still impacting many people today. I could go on and on.

If God wants to use a musician to reach people, why in the world are we against it? Especially if you consider that Satan was probably leading worship in heaven before his fall, and now he uses music to lead multitudes astray. Look at the damage secular rock/ rap etc has done to countless lives, and tell me God is not going to counter it? We should be using our worship as a weapon against the devil.

Re: , on: 2018/5/5 20:27

Drifter, none of those Biblical examples of music were evangelistic. They are devotional in nature. Big difference. They were from believers to God, not for those outside the kingdom.

I'll say it again: I don't see music being used in evangelism in the Bible. It is not there. That should tell us something. So what moment.

Re: - posted by drifter (), on: 2018/5/5 20:53

Alec, the whole tenor of the bible is evangelistic.

God gives gifts to His children, and we should use every gift to try to bring the unsaved to repentance. Can you seriously tell me that not one sinner has been saved reading a Psalm or hearing some godly, Spirit filled music?

Re: , on: 2018/5/6 5:21

Once more, with feeling.

There are NO examples of music being used in evangelism in the Bible. Temple music was from believers to the Lord. "Do not give to dogs what is holy." "Do not cast your pearls before swine." Psalm 137:3,4 says, "For there (Babylon) they that carried us away captive required of us a song, and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, 'Sing us one of the songs of Zion.' How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?"

Show chapter & verse where music is used in evangelism in the Bible. Open challenge to all. It is not there.

Re: - posted by drifter (), on: 2018/5/6 6:43

“And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord” (Psalm 40:3)

Re: , on: 2018/5/6 7:22

I like that!

But...

Where did the many hear that new song? In the Temple?

Some theologians don't take the new song literally, but figuratively, speaking of our testimony in Christ (New covenant). Either or both is fine with me.

The point I've been driving home is that there was no worship band concert on the day of Pentecost, and the apostle Paul did not have a band in tow when he cut a path across Asia Minor into Europe with the Gospel. He preached the Word with signs following.

We have more worship concerts than ever, and more apostasy than ever.

I'm a musician! Seasoned worship leader in a number of churches - and outreaches, too.

But nothing less than what Paul had will do the job now.

The world (and many Christians, sadly) is hung up on power fantasies. The success of the super-hero films, Star Wars, & Harry Potter franchise, to name a few, proves the point. A powerless church is simply not compelling. Spirit-filled preaching with signs following is the only thing that will cut through. Otherwise, the man of sin will come with his lying signs & wonders, & the world will readily accept him. That hour is close at hand.

Re: - posted by staff, on: 2018/5/6 7:31

Hi Paul said I have become all things to all people so that by all means I might save some. Also the Holy Spirit can use any method he wants to save or quicken the dead. So if God decides he will use music to save the lost or drama who are we to say he can't. Pianos and Guitars are not mentioned in the Bible yet we use them for worship. God has said be fruitful, can't Christian musician be fruitful so they can cause multiplication?urs staff

Re: It is not there - posted by savannah, on: 2018/5/6 13:55

Just as the angels said, "He is not here", to those who came looking for Jesus in the tomb, it's been stated in this thread that, "It is not there".

Seek for it if you like, but, just as you'll not find Jesus in the tomb, nor will you find what you're looking for.

The only thing that we have produced are more false converts and more apostasy with our innovations.

Salvation being of the Lord, is the only reason that some have been converted. In spite of men using these things, God still saves some.

Re: - posted by staff, on: 2018/5/6 14:44

hi Savannah,

Ur post is very vague to me could you explain what you mean clearer thanks staff

Re: - posted by staff, on: 2018/5/6 14:46

Hi Calvary

The man of sin comes anyway ,that is a given and "the falling away" is a different subject and will not be caused by people being swayed by Christian music ,staff

Re: - posted by deltadom (), on: 2018/5/7 4:46

Spirit-filled preaching with signs following is the only thing that will cut through. Otherwise, the man of sin will come with his lying signs & wonders, & the world will readily accept him. That hour is close at hand.

One of the misconceptions is that people will see miracles and see signs and wonders and will come to know Jesus . The problem is

Mat 16:4 A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed.

The pharisees saw Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead , they saw many other miracles but did not believe

My other problem with miracles is that the Antichrist will be able to call fire down from heaven

Rev 13:13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men

I believe God can do miracles but I do think that should be a primary focus , but it should be on the gospel and on the Bible

1Co 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

1Co 1:21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

Preaching the gospel and the cross is foolish to the world but is God's power , this is why the church has lost its power and it was the power of the gospel that turned the world upside down

This is why I get so annoyed at using bait and switch tactics to get people in church

Re: - posted by deltadom (), on: 2018/5/7 5:03

There is no example of people using music as an evangelistic method in the scriptures, I love praise and worship music but would not use it

1 Corinthians 15

1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. note note

3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

7 After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.

8 And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time. note

9 For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

10 But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

11 Therefore whether it were I or they, so we preach, and so ye believed.

Re: , on: 2018/5/7 6:07

Dominic, I agree with you. What I was saying is that Peter, Paul, & the apostles preached the Gospel with signs following (our Lord Jesus talked about signs following believers at the end of Mark's gospel). Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. The signs only confirm the reality of the Gospel & its power, that it is not another vain argument or philosophy. I am no sign chaser, but they do follow those who are legitimately preaching Christ with holy unction.

Re: - posted by deltadom (), on: 2018/5/7 14:54

I agree with miracles as well I just don't think it should be our primary focus I think it should be Jesus, I actually liked what you said

Re: - posted by staff, on: 2018/5/7 18:36

Hi Guys,

Two things there are two types of Christian Music, one is worship music the other is not.

I think my points were ignored

A: Paul said he would use all means to save

B: Who are we to say what God can use or not use

C: Pianos and Guitars are not mentioned in the bible but are used in worship (just because it's not mentioned doesn't mean it's wrong)

Also what about Prophetic songs like Miriam and Paul and Silas sang hymns

"About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.

26 Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. 27 The jailer woke up,"
urs staff

Re: - posted by staff, on: 2018/5/7 18:43

Hi,
I think that the conversation should not be about whether Christian Music should replace Signs and wonders as I dont thi nk thats what anyone at all is saying.What we are saying is God can use Christian Music to influence people and God ca n get his narrative across to people through song as well as through preaching but not as a replacement.Just as the pris oners were undoubtedly moved by Silas and Paul and undoubtedly learned about God through Hymns and Undoubtedly some learned about Salvation through their singing.So their is a place for singing Christian songs where the unsaved ar e present and it will have a positive effect on the hearers,urs staff

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2018/5/7 19:29

I think you are on track Staff.

God created music and he can use it to soften hearts.

There are a few songs that were very key in my spiritual reawakening several years back.

Re: - posted by drifter (), on: 2018/5/7 19:43

"Secular music, do you say, belongs to the devil? Does it? Well, if it did I would plunder him for it, for he has no right to a single note of the whole seven. Every note, and every strain, and every harmony is divine, and belongs to us."

"If I thought I could win one more soul to the Lord by walking on my head and playing the tambourine with my toes, I'd le arn how!"

-William Booth

Re: - posted by staff, on: 2018/5/7 20:07

hi Drifter,

I didnt know William Booth said those things ,quite amazing ,thanks for the post staff

Re: - posted by deltadom (), on: 2018/5/8 4:52

William booth also said this

The chief dangers that confront the coming century will be religion without the Holy Ghost, Christianity without Christ, for giveness without repentance, salvation without regeneration, politics without God and heaven without hell