

Series: Why We Do What We Do

**We Worship With A Cappella Music
Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16**

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1. One of the things that makes us who we are is our distinctive practice of a capella music.
2. To say that there is much controversy surrounding the topic of music is an understatement. It is the cause of the term “worship wars,” that have not only plagued our churches but most churches in the religious world today.
3. As we talk about why we do what we do, I am planning a two-part lesson on singing in worship.
 - I. The Principle of Silence of the Scripture.
 - A. The place to begin in understanding our position on instrumental music is our principle of interpretation.
 - II. What Does The Bible Say About Singing?
 - A. The first point to understand is that the New Testament is without any command or example to use instrumental music in worship.
 - III. How Do We Understand the Original Meaning of Greek Terms?
 - A. How does the Bible use the Greek verb “psallo”?
 - B. It is interesting that those who translated the English versions of the Bible, all translated the word “psallo” without the instrument of music.
 - IV. The Testimony of History.
 - A. The early church did not use instruments in their worship.
 - B. A large number of historians attest to the fact that music in the early church was vocal.
 - C. The Restoration Movement has struggled with this issue.
 - V. The Testimony of Religious Leaders.
 - A. Most of the founders of the Protestant denominations taught against the use of instrumental music in Christian worship.