

Charting Changes in the Music of the Church

Ephesians 5:19 • Colossians 3:16



A. D. 30

From the beginning of the church until the 5th century, the church sang without the accompaniment of mechanical instruments



5TH CENTURY
A.D.

Mechanical instruments of music were introduced by what was quickly to become the Roman Catholic Church



5TH CENTURY
A.D.

Roman Catholicism introduces the use of the organ as accompaniment in worship



16TH CENTURY
A.D.

Mechanical instrumental accompaniment in worship was unanimously opposed by all the great Reformation leaders



JOHN WESLEY - "I have no objections to instruments of music in our chapels, provided they are neither heard nor seen"

JOHN CALVIN - "Musical instruments in celebrating the praises of God would be no more suitable than the burning of incense, the lighting of lamps, and the restoration of the other shadows of the law."



THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH REMAINS TRUE TO SINGING WITHOUT MECHANICAL INSTRUMENTAL ACCOMPANIMENT!

MELODY IS TO BE MADE IN THE HEART (Eph. 5:19) NOT ON AN INSTRUMENT!

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