

**WHO SINGS???**

**TO WHO DO WE SING???**

**WHY DO WE SING???**

**Ephesians 5:19**

- In the context of the church in Ephesus Paul commands *everyone* to sing, in fact it should be the overflow of *every life* that is filled with the Spirit...
- In the context of this command we see we are to “*address one another*” with these songs.
- In doing that, in building up our brothers and sisters in Christ through song, we are doing it unto the Lord.
  - Loving our brothers and sisters in Christ is a large part of our Christian life. A life that loves God must love those that God loves. That is a tangible way we can show our love to God. (1 John)

**1 Chronicles 25:1, 6-7**

- Although all believers are commanded to sing not all believers are commanded to lead in singing.
- Notice the groups of people that are organized by David in Chapters 23, 24, and 25.
  - Certain people were set aside for works of ministry. One group was set aside to be Musicians. They were to skillfully lead in song.
  - As a “set aside” one you are a leader for the Lord’s people. This is not to be taken lightly.

**WHAT IS THE BENEFIT TO OTHERS THROUGH SINGING AND MUSIC???**

**Deuteronomy 31:16-21**

- One clear usage of song shown by God to Moses was to record things upon minds.
- The song of Moses was to be sung by the people so that it will bring back to remembrance things in the future.
  - *What are things that we must remember through song?*

**1 Samuel 16:23**

- Music has more than just cognitive abilities. It was used in the account of David and Saul to ease Saul’s soul.
- With the knowledge biblically and experientially that music has the power to effect emotions beware of how you use music in serving God’s people.
  - *Is it wrong to play music in a way that evokes joy?*

## **DOES OUR SINGING TO GOD MAKE GOD MORE PLEASED WITH US???**

### **Hebrews 7:23-25; Hebrews 9:24**

- Music is not what brings us before the throne of God.
- Jesus Christ alone is permanently. Jesus Christ will always be our sufficient Savior. Christ is the sufficient offering before the Father.
  - *Knowing we are right in Christ before the Father how does that increase our praise in song to God?*

## **WHEN DO WE SING???**

### **Acts 16:19-34**

- Paul and Silas were singing even while they were in an uncomfortable situation.
  - *Could it be Paul and Silas were singing to remember God's goodness?*
  - *Could it be that Paul and Silas truly were joyful because their joy was not based on the circumstances but on the redemption in Christ?*
  - *Could it be that their singing in those circumstances was a witness to others?*

### **Ephesians 5:19 / Colossians 3:16**

- When the church gathers we are to sing.
- It should be a common occurrence in the life of a believer

## **SOME QUESTIONS...**

1. Are you qualified to serve the Lord in leading God's people in song?
  - a. Are you able to do it skillfully?
  - b. Is your life above reproach?
2. Do you see the importance of song in the church?
  - a. To show expression...
  - b. To bring to remembrance...
  - c. To build up/edify/encourage others...