




Answering Challenging Questions:

“Why do we not use musical instruments in our worship services?” (Part 3)

The Challenging Accusations & Questions we are looking at in this study:

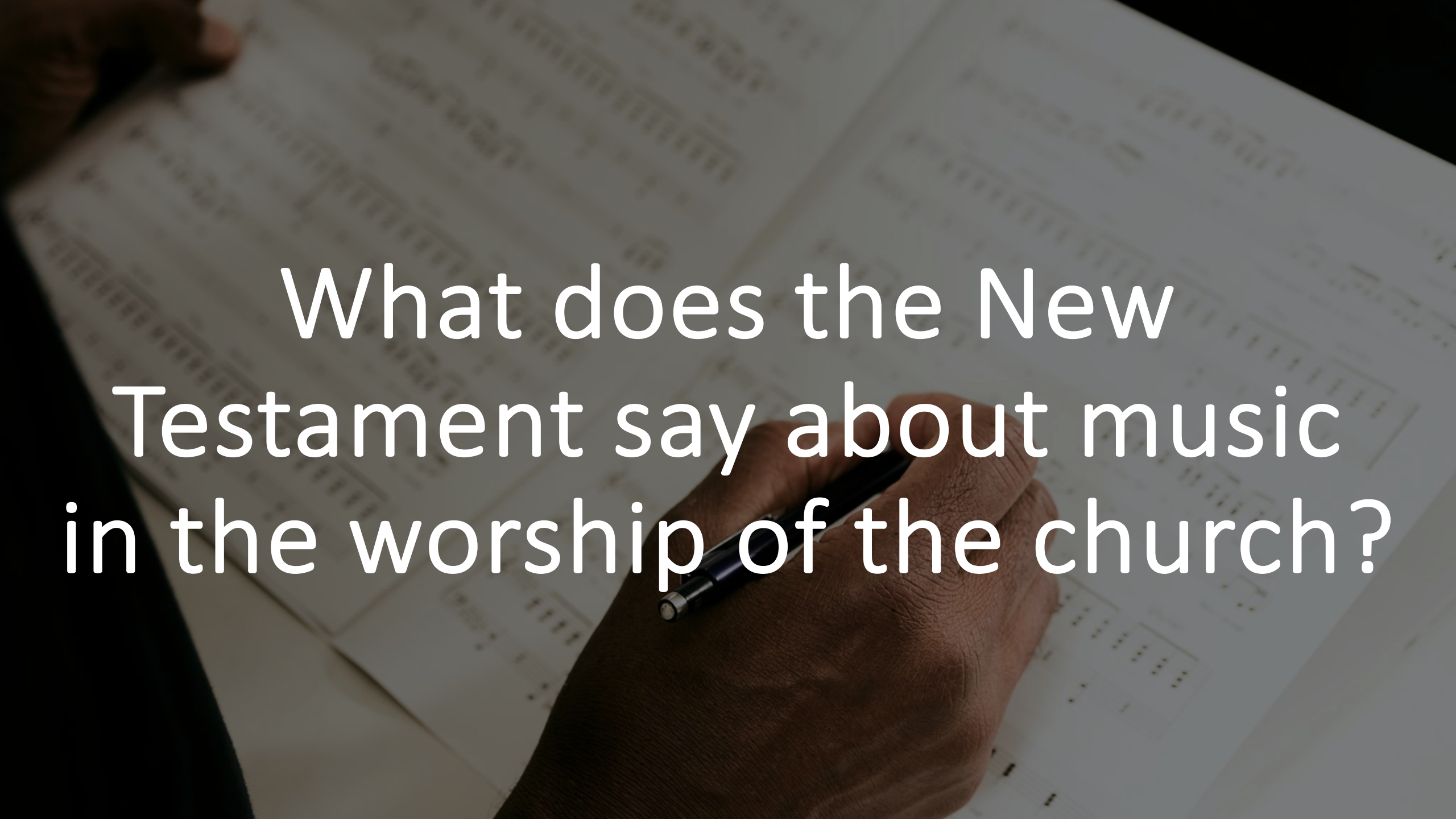
- Why do we not use musical instruments in our worship services?
- Can I go to Old Testament for the authority to use musical instruments in worship?
- What does the New Testament say about music in the worship of the church?
- What about the historical reference to music in the church?
- How should we sing in worship?



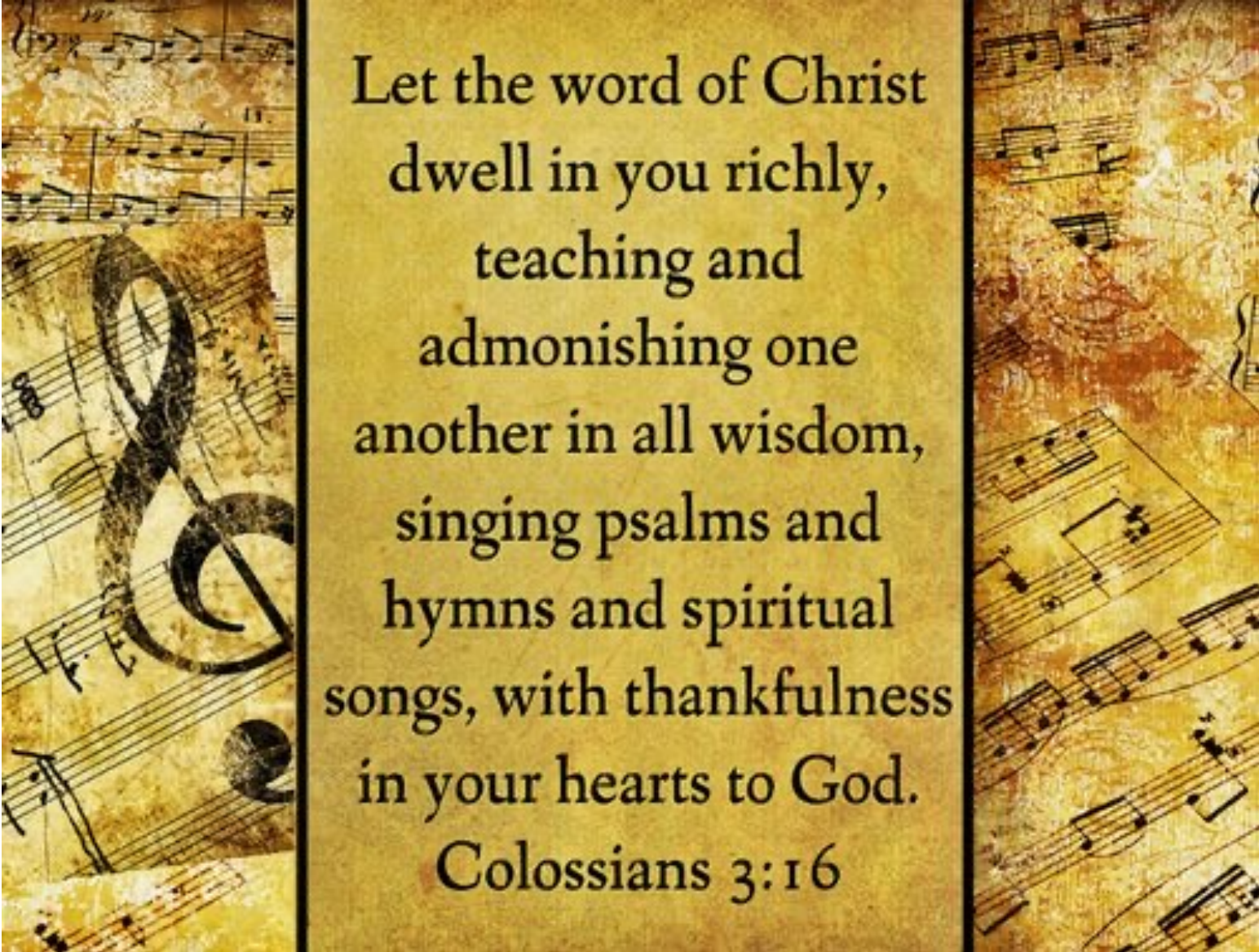
A top-down view of various musical instruments scattered on a light-colored surface. In the upper left, a portion of a piano keyboard is visible. To the right, the neck and body of an acoustic guitar are shown. In the center, a black microphone lies horizontally. To the left of the microphone, there is a large brass cymbal and a snare drum with two wooden drumsticks resting on it. Below the snare drum, a pair of yellow mallets is visible. In the center, there are also some metal percussion instruments, possibly a tambourine or a similar shaker, with a brush-like object nearby.

Why do we not use
musically instruments
in our worship?

Is acapella singing just a tradition?

A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a dark pen, poised to write on a document. The document contains several columns of text, which is slightly out of focus. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the skin and the paper. The overall tone is professional and focused.

What does the New Testament say about music in the worship of the church?

The background of the image is a collage of musical notation on aged, yellowed paper. It features various musical symbols such as treble clefs, bass clefs, and notes on staves, creating a rich, artistic texture. The text is centered on a slightly darker, rectangular area within this collage.

Let the word of Christ
dwell in you richly,
teaching and
admonishing one
another in all wisdom,
singing psalms and
hymns and spiritual
songs, with thankfulness
in your hearts to God.
Colossians 3:16

Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- Ephesians 5:19-20 -



A group of people, likely a church choir or congregation, are shown in profile, reading from a book. The scene is set in a brightly lit room with large windows in the background. The text is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font across the center of the image.

Neither of these passages
leave room for the use of
musical instrument in our
worship of our Lord & Savior!

Why is it important to have authority in how we conduct our worship of the Lord?

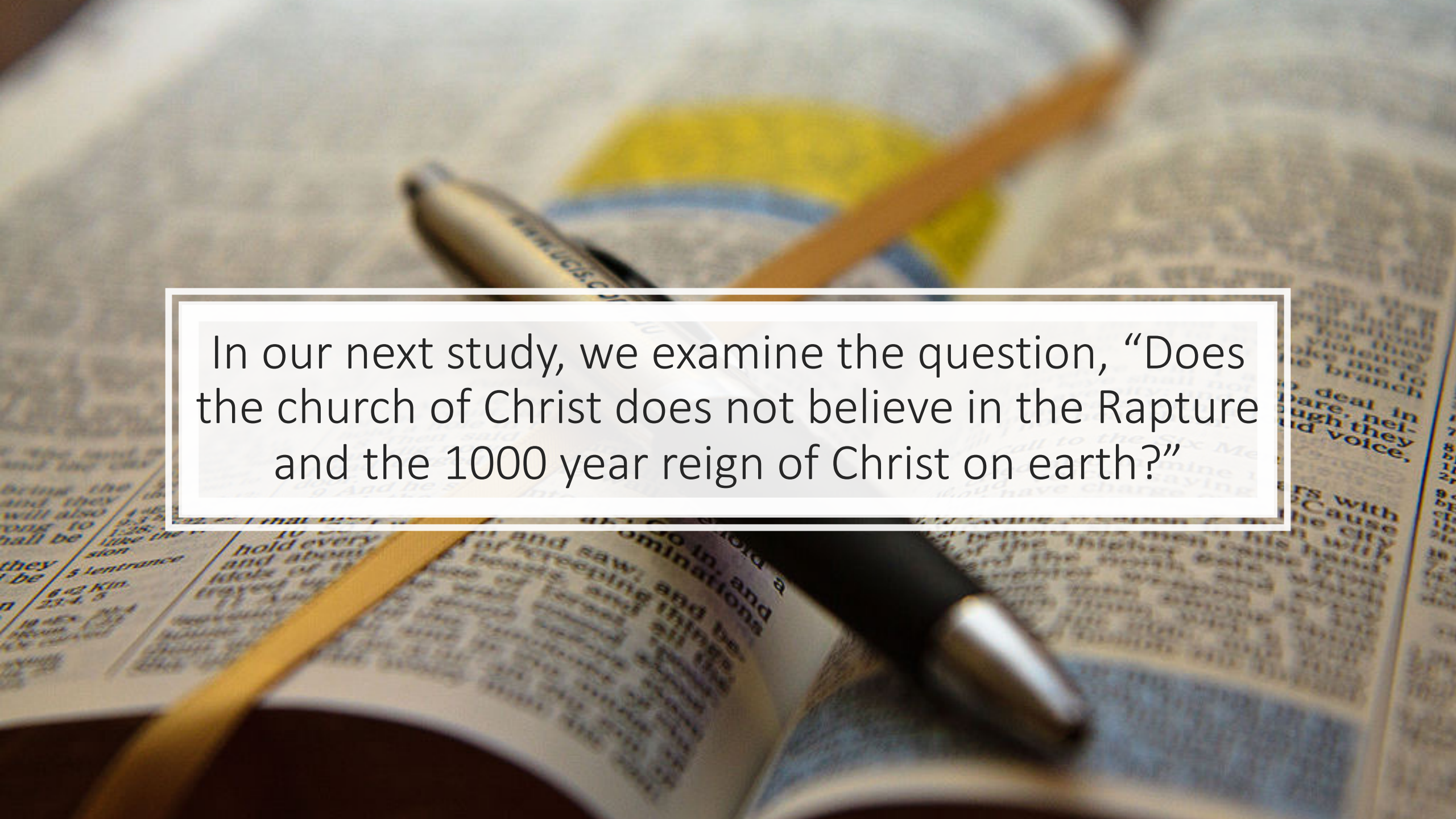
- Leviticus 10:1 – 3
- Saul's Unlawful Sacrifice (1 Samuel 13:6 – 14)
- Matthew 15:1 – 9
- John 4:19 – 24
- Matthew 28:18 – 20

What about the historical reference to music in the church?

- In the church, we have taught that our singing should be acapella.
 - Acapella (a kap'pella) in Latin literally means in the way of the chapel.
 - It is singing without the accompaniment of instruments.
- Historically, the first appearance of instrumental music in church worship was not until the sixth century A.D., and there was no general practicing of it until after the eighth century.
- If we want to be approved by God then we must do things the way he intended, even if we think there is a better way. Anything else is self-ambition on our parts.

How should we sing in worship?

- Hebrews 2:12
- 1 Corinthians 14:15
- We must sing with the spirit!
 - Hebrews 13:15
 - Acts 16:25
 - James 5:13
- We must sing with the understanding!
 - Psalms 47:7
 - Colossians 3:16



In our next study, we examine the question, “Does the church of Christ does not believe in the Rapture and the 1000 year reign of Christ on earth?”