

**ARGUMENTS USED TO ATTEMPT TO JUSTIFY INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC IN THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH!**

1. **“They were used in the Old Testament; therefore why not in the New Testament?”**
  - a. The O.T. has been replaced by the N.T. (Heb. 8:8-12)
  - b. **We MUST HEAR JESUS TODAY!**  
(Mt. 17:5/Col. 3:17)
  
2. The **“Bible doesn’t say not to use them; therefore they are alright.”**
  - a. Specific authority rules this argument out. (Gen. 6:14/Eph. 5:19)
  - b. Ex. > Lord’s Supper. (Mt. 26-26-29)
  
3. There are **“instruments in Heaven”**; therefore why not in the church?
  - a. Rev. 14:2 is a **“simile”**, a figure of speech to make a comparison between two objects.
  - b. What proves too little proves too much! (Water/Thunder/Horse)
  - c. **“Literal harps”** would be out of place in the spiritual realm of Heaven!
  
4. **“Instrumental music is simply an aid to our singing.”** (**“Aids” vs. “Additions”**)
  - a. An **“aid”** helps us in doing the Lord’s will; an **“addition”** is doing more than what the Lord has authorized or doing something different than what the Lord has authorized.
  - b. Ex. > Noah’s Ark – (Gen. 6:14)  
(Tools vs. different wood)
  - c. **“Music”** is generic; **“singing”** is a specific type of music. (Using instruments is a different type of music also.) (**GOD SAID SING!**)
  - d. What about **“songbooks & pitchpipes”**? (These are lawful aids to help us in our singing; when used still doing nothing more than singing!)
  
5. There is **“no specific command given for lights, pews, and baptistries, and yet you use them”**; instruments would fall into this same category.
  - a. **“Expedients”** authorized by God as long as they are **“lawful”**.
  - b. Ex. > Preaching the gospel.  
(Car-boat-taxi-bus-plane, etc.)
  - c. Worship > (Heb. 10:25/1 Cor. 14:23)
  
6. We **“use instruments at home”**; why not in the church?
  - a. We do many things at home that would not be **“acceptable in worship”**.
  - b. Ex. Bacon & eggs. (Not on L.S.)
  - c. **We must have N.T. authority for all that we do in worship!** (Col. 3:17)

7. **“I must use my God-given talents to glorify God, including my ability to play a musical instrument.”**  
(How far will you go with this argument?) (Painting/cooking, etc.)

**Some people say “we like instrumental music in worship; therefore we will use it regardless of what you say.”**

*“There is a way that seems right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.” (Proverbs 14:12)*

**Some people say “we think instruments of music improve the sound of the singing making it prettier to God.”** (Read 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 15 to deal with this argument.)