Music for Christian Worship  
Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16

Introduction:
A. Did you ever hear, “The church of Christ doesn’t have music in worship?”
   1. May not understand what the “church of Christ” is.
   2. May not understand what “music” is.
B. Does Bible teach anything about music for use in worship by Christians? If so what?
C. We shall notice two things concerning the New Testament teaching on music in worship:

Discussion:

   A. The kind of music mentioned — singing (Matt. 26:30; Acts 16:25; Rom. 15:9; 1 Cor. 14:15; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; Jas. 5:13).
   B. The kind of songs mentioned — spiritual (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16).
   C. The purpose of singing mentioned.
      1. To honor, praise and glorify God. (Acts 16:25; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; cf. Heb. 13:15)
      2. To teach, admonish and edify one another. (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; 1 Cor. 14:15, 16).

   A. There is neither specific nor general authority for instrumental music.
      1. General and specific illustrated: Fruit, Building material (Gen. 6:14), Animal (Num. 19:2)
      2. NT authorizes singing, not music in general.
   B. There is no plausible defense for instrumental music.
      1. “Practiced in the Old Testament law” — Gal. 5:4; Animal sacrifices.
      2. “Bible does not say not to have it” — Rosary, praying to Mary, Coke on Lord’s table; cf. 2 John 9-11; 1 Cor. 4:6).
      3. “We have instruments in our homes” — Morally right, religiously wrong (Matt. 15:1-9).
      4. “It is said to be in heaven” — Throne of God, angels, bowls of incense.
      5. “Psallo” (sing/make melody) — All must psallo, thus all must play?
      6. “Can see no harm in it” — Nabab & Abihu likely saw no harm in their fire (Lev. 10:1-2)

Conclusion:
A. Let us be content to just sing to the best of our ability from the heart.
B. Let us not be assume that God likes instrumental music because we may like it.