

**Sermon: “*There’s More to Music Than Meets the Ear*”**

**Text: Colossians 3:16 (page 984 in pew Bible)**

“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.”

**I. In the Bible, worshiping God by singing is primarily corporate and congregational.**

Psalm 21:13 “Be exalted, O Lord, in your strength! **We will sing** and praise your power.”

Ps 66:1-2 “Shout for joy to God, **all the earth**; sing the glory of his name.”

Psalm 84:4 “Blessed are **those** who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!”

Psalm 95:1 “Oh come, **let us sing** to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!”

Psalm 149:1 “Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise **in the assembly of the godly!**”

**II. Worship singing is always Christ or God centered.**

- A. Singing *to* Christ – offering our praise or prayers to Him
- B. Singing *about* Christ – extolling who He is and what He has done
- C. Singing about **our experience of Christ**

**III. In worship singing we can distinguish between song (lyrics) and music (the compositional accompaniment to the singing)**

“Worship Singing is an element of worship; worship music is an aid to our worship singing.”  
Ligon Duncan

**IV. Worship music must compliment the message it is carrying.**

- A. Christian worship music will be suitable for conveying the message of the words.
- B. Christian worship music is not merely any music set to Christina lyrics!

The sadly embraced and historically FALSE account that Luther used bar tunes!

The “bar form” in German composition consisted of the rhyming pattern AAB; Luther frequently employed this in his music and songs. Not tavern songs!

**V. Our theology and doctrine should inform and shape both our music and our singing.**

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly...”

**VI. Since we worship God though all of life our worship singing should reflect and include the whole range of Christian emotion and experience. (see PSALMS)**

**VII. Congregational worship singing and music s should serve the whole congregation of the people of God in their offering praise to God.**

**VIII. The great pattern of Christian worship through singing:**

**Revelation Chapter 5**