

Practicing the Christian Life: Singing Ephesians 5:18-20

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Outline

*Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous;
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.
Praise the Lord with the harp;
make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.
Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully, and shout for joy. Psalm 33:1-3*

"Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

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I. The Power of Music

"make music from your heart to the Lord..." (vs. 19)

- Job 38 God says that when he laid the foundations of the earth, the stars sang and the angels shouted for joy. (vss.1-7)
- Proverbs 8 it says that wisdom danced and rejoiced as God constructed the world, the whole process of creation was accompanied by music.
- Deuteronomy 31:19: *"Now write down this song and teach it to the Israelites and have them sing it, so that it may be a witness for me against them."*

II. The Grace of Music.

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"There was something inside of me that was stiff and rotting, yet soft and tender. Somehow the music wore down all the boundaries and distinctions that kept me so isolated. Sitting there, standing with them to sing, I began to feel bigger than myself. As I sang the praises of God I felt like I was being taken care of, like I was being tricked into coming back to life. God tricked me through music into life!"

~ Anne Lamott

"Do not get drunk on wine... Instead, be filled with the Spirit..." (vs. 18)

"Open his eyes, Lord, so that he may see." Then the Lord opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha." 2 Kings 6:17

"Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts." Colossians 3: 15-16

III. The Future of Singing.

"...the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies." Romans 8:22-23

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"All glory to Him who loves us and freed us from our sins by shedding his blood for us. He has made us a Kingdom of priests for God His Father. All glory and power to Him forever and ever. Amen!"

Revelation 1:6

"Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting:

'Hallelujah!

For our Lord God Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and be glad

and give him glory!

For the wedding of the Lamb has come,

and his bride has made herself ready." Revelation 19:6-7

"The lion will lie down with the lamb,

the leopard will lie down with the goat,

the calf and the lion and the yearling together;

and a little child will lead them.

They will neither harm nor destroy

on all my holy mountain,

for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord

as the waters cover the sea." Isaiah 11:6, 9