

Heaven

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"In my Father's house are many dwelling places... I go to prepare a place for

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Our Services

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 am
Worship: 10:20 am
Evening: 5:00 pm

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Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Pope Benedict on Instrument Music

Pope Benedict XVI has authored several books. He is recognized as a preeminent theologian and historian of the Catholic Church. In his book, *The Spirit of the Liturgy*, Benedict admits that the early church did not use instrumental music in worship. The apostolic church employed a "purely vocal style of singing taken over from the synagogue" (pg 144). He then admits that

instrumental music did not appear in worship services until the late Middle Ages (pg 145). He also acknowledged that the introduction of instruments in worship was not widely accepted at first. During the 16th century Protestant Reformation Movement, the challenge to leave the Catholic instruments caused quiet a war that led to the Council of Trent declaring the acceptance of instrumental music (146).

It is without question, a fact that the early church did not use instrumental music in worship.

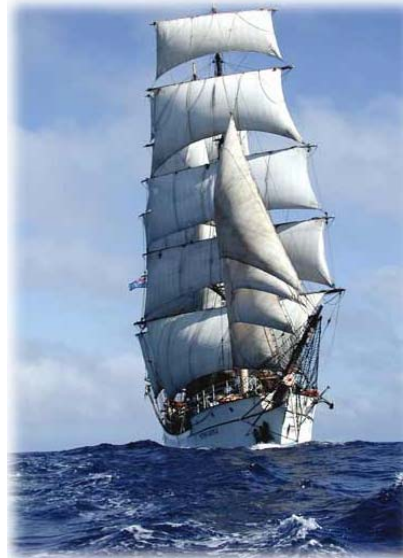
So why do churches use

instruments today? There can be only one answer, they are not interested in following what the early church did.

Unlike the Thessalonians who "imitated the churches of Judea" (1 Thes 2:14), modern churches have outgrown the desire to follow what the apostles taught. These churches are now

setting their own course and following their own agenda. They are sailing in uncharted waters without a Biblical compass, ignoring the examples of what the first churches did.

We are **not** interested in being innovative, progressive, cutting edge or different. Tell me the old, old story appeals to us. We want to follow what God has shown in the New Testament. We haven't given up on God nor His way! We believe the New Testament still works. How about you? Which direction do you have your sails pointed toward? Can we help you get back to God's way?





Being a Soldier in the Lord's Army

One of my favorite parts about a vacation bible school is the songs that we get to sing that week that do not get sung very often, at least by the adults. Songs such as: Jesus

loves the little children, Roll the Gospel Chariot, and This Little Light of Mine. Probably my favorite song is The Lord's Army song complete with hand movements and marching in place. The point of that song is not to have a good time and get the blood pumping in your body; but to relate the point that we are in an army fighting a war.

Paul reminds us in Ephesians that our war "is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against he powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places." As good soldiers of the Lord's army, we need to always be on guard of our enemy's attack. Peter reminds us that our "adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour."

Paul tells Timothy to "suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier." The devil enjoys getting us entangled in the affairs of everyday life to the point where we forget we are on a mission from God. We get entangled in work, popularity, sports, scholastics, entertainment, and many other things that clog up our time to the point where we have no time to pray, read the bible and meditate on what is truly important as a soldier of God.

So when we sing "I'm in the Lord's army, yes sir!" do we really mean it? This is the greatest army in the world and we are in a constant war with the devil. Arise and march under the banner of the gospel and be able to say with Paul, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge will award to me on that day."

Patrick Cawthon



Family Connections

News for You

- **Next quarter** of classes begins NEXT SUNDAY (July 27th). Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board.



This Week

- Young People Lectures sign up sheet on board to help with food/housing
- Young People Lectures meeting tonight after PM services in B-2
- Teenage study Monday night @ Shouse's (7:00 pm)
- Ladies Thurs morning class @ 10:30 (at building)
- Several announcements on the bulletin board including a planned trip to visit the Creation Museum in Cincinnati

For your Prayers:

- **Kevin Lee** was postponed due to his poison ivy
- Remember to thank the Lord for each other. Each of us are what makes this church the way it is. Pray for our strength, love, and dedication to the Lord.

Group 9 meets this evening

Tonight's lesson: Psalms 23

A Special Thanks to all our teachers who taught this quarter. You make a difference!

