

INTRODUCTION

(Col. 3:16-17) “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom: **teaching and admonishing one another** in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts **to the Lord**. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.”

(Eph. 5:19-20) “**Speaking to yourselves** in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart **to the Lord**. Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

N.T. says to “sing” - (Acts 16:30; Rms. 15:9; 1 Cor. 14:15; Heb. 2:12; James 5:13)

THE PURPOSES OF SINGING IN WORSHIP

1. (Eph. 5:19) **WHEN SINGING, WE ARE “SPEAKING TO YOURSELVES”**

In singing, we talk to one another, are engaged in conversation through song. When singing, we speak the song’s message to one another, express our common faith, and form a bond with one another. So don’t sing by using “sounds” (hum, whistle, etc.); we “speak.” (1 Cor. 14:9, v19)

2. (Col. 3:16) **WHEN SINGING, WE “TEACH” ONE ANOTHER**

Many of us learned the books of the NT and names of the apostles through song. (Psalm 148) is the hymn “Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah,” and (Psalm 23) is the hymn “The Lord’s My Shepherd,” and (Psalm 117) is the hymn “Oh, Praise The Lord” By singing, we “let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.”

3. **WHEN SINGING, WE “ADMONISH” ONE ANOTHER**

“Admonishing” songs are ones that exhort, encourage, are practical, deal with everyday struggles, and push us to remain steadfast. We exhort with “Onward, Christian Soldier” and “We’ll Work Till Jesus Comes” etc. Spiritual encouragement is found in “Take Time To Be Holy,” “Count Your Many Blessings” (Heb. 10:25) You need to be here to accomplish this purpose.

4. **WHEN SINGING, WE ALSO DO IT “TO THE LORD”** (text)

Yes, we sing (communicate) to one another; we also sing (communicate) to God in song. One section in our hymnal is titled: “God’s Praise and Adoration” songs.

5. **WHEN SINGING, WE ARE “GIVING THANKS” TO GOD** (text)

6. **WHEN SINGING, WE ARE TO “DO ALL IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS”**