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*“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God...” (1 Peter 4:11).*

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## REDEEMED, REDEEMED!

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“Redeemed — How I love to proclaim it! Redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb; Redeemed thro’ His infinite mercy. His child and forever, I am. Redeemed...Redeemed, Redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb; Redeemed...Redeemed His child, and forever, I am.”

Such are the words of the first verse and chorus of the beloved song by Fanny J. Crosby. They beautifully express the feelings of one duly impressed by the marvelous sacrifice of Jesus.

Because of sin, the whole human race deserved to be eternally separated from God. Man had literally sold his eternal soul for a few fleeting pleasures of this life. But wait, behold the Grace of God! With His life, Jesus paid the ransom, the fine and Divine Justice was satisfied (Is. 53:11).

Hear the Scriptures as they speak of this remarkable event: *“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; For He hath visited and Redeemed His people”* (Lk. 1:68).

*“For there is one God, and One Mediator between God and Men, the man Christ Jesus; who*

*gave Himself a Ransom for all, to be testified in due time”* (1 Tim. 2:5-6).

*“Who (Jesus) gave Himself for us, that He might Redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of Good Works”* (Titus 2:14).

*“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not Redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious Blood of Christ, as of a Lamb without Blemish and without spot”* (1 Pet. 1:18-19).

*“...For thou wast slain, and hast Redeemed us to God by thy Blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation”* (Rev. 5:9).

Yes, Jesus paid the price! He died to give one and all the opportunity of having eternal life with God. However, we must add at once that this was not universal and unconditional salvation. God wants to be at peace with man. God wants man to be reconciled to Him. God longs to forgive man, but man must desire and seek after this peace, reconciliation and forgiveness!

In allowing Jesus to die for you, God has shown His infinite

love. What has your reaction been? Have you with humility, gratitude and joy, accepted the sacrifice of Jesus and demonstrated your sincere appreciation by complete obedience to the Gospel? My friend, anything short of such obedience is an outrageous insult to God. Jehovah is offering life eternal! All who reject it are scoffing at God and “Walking on the grave” of Jesus.

The writer of the Hebrew letter tells us that a person who has become a Christian, and then turns away, has nothing to look forward to but *“Judgment and Fiery Indignation”* (Heb. 10:27). He explains that all such as turn away have trodden under foot the Son of God, counted the Blood of the Covenant an unholy thing and outraged the Holy Spirit (Heb. 10:29).

Redemption is in Christ (Rom. 3:24; Eph. 1:7), and we get into Christ by baptism (Gal. 3:27). Why would anyone hesitate?

*“The Lord redeemeth the Soul of His Servants; And none of Them that trust in Him shall be desolate”* (Ps. 34:22).

**EVERY MEMBER  
AT  
EVERY SERVICE!**

## SIX THINGS “CHURCH MUSIC” DEMANDS

John Edwards

There are a total of ten passages in the New Testament which deal with “church music” (Mt. 26:30; Mk. 14:26; Acts 16:25; Rom. 15:9; 1 Cor. 14:15; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; Heb. 2:12; 13:15; Jas. 5:13). From these ten passages, let’s consider six things “church music” demands.

**SPEAKING.** In Ephesians 5:19 Paul wrote, “*Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs...*” To stay within the confines of Bible authority, speaking must characterize the music of the church. This speaking is to be done “*to yourselves*”, that is, one to another, and should not be left to a select few such as a choir or quartet.

**TEACHING.** Colossians 3:16 says, “*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*” When

the church comes together, if there is singing, but no Bible class or lesson delivered from the pulpit, one cannot rightfully say there was no teaching. One of the methods through which the church teaches is through its music.

**ADMONISHING.** “The difference between ‘admonish’ and ‘teach’ seems to be that, whereas the former has mainly in view the things that are wrong and call for warning, the latter has to do chiefly with the impartation of positive truth” (Vine). The music of the church demands warning based on instruction (Col. 3:16).

**UNDERSTANDING.** The music of the church, whatever kind it is, is designed to be understood. Paul said, “*What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also*” (1 Cor. 14:15). We must place emphasis on our music, for it must be understood!

**SINGING.** The Hebrew writer recorded, “*I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I*

*sing praise unto thee*” (Heb. 2:12). The apostles sang praises (Mt. 26:30; Mk. 14:26). While in prison, Paul and Silas sang praises to God (Acts 16:25).

**AN INSTRUMENT.** Without an instrument, the music of the church would be vain. Paul revealed, “*Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord*” (Eph. 5:19). The specified instrument through which the church is to “*make melody*” is the heart. The heart excludes any other type of instrument!

*“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.”*

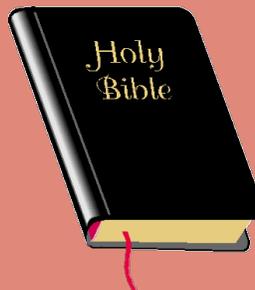
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