

1. WORSHIP BY SINGING PSALMS, HYMNS, AND SPIRITUAL SONGS.
 1. (Eph 5:19 KJV) Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;
 2. (Col 3:16 KJV) 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.
 3. The reference of psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs may indicate that Christian songs were used in worship (*psalms*), to instruct in the faith (*hymns*), and to express joy (*spiritual songs*).

2. PSALMS.
 1. *Psalms were songs used in worship.*
 2. *Psalms refer to the singing of the Scriptures.*
 3. *The Book of Psalms comprised the majority of the hymnal in the early church.*

3. HYMNS.
 1. *A hymn is nothing more than a song of human composition.*
 2. *Can be means of religious instruction.*
 3. *A hymn expresses the congregation's praise of God's greatness and majesty and usually centers around important biblical themes.*
 4. *The hymn as we know it today is an art form that has emerged within the last few hundred years.*
 5. *Ongoing controversy between traditional and contemporary music.*
 6. *A prominent American clergyman compiled ten reasons for opposing the new music trend of his day:*
 1. It's too new, like an unknown language.
 2. It's not so melodious as the more established style.
 3. There are so many new songs that it is impossible to learn them all.
 4. This new music creates disturbances and causes people to act in an indecent and disorderly manner.
 5. It places too much emphasis on instrumental music rather than on godly lyrics.
 6. The lyrics are often worldly, even blasphemous.
 7. It is not needed, since preceding generations have gone to heaven without it.
 8. It is a contrivance to get money.
 9. It monopolizes the Christians' time and encourages them to stay out late.
 10. These new musicians are young upstarts, and some of them are lewd and loose persons. (These ten reasons are adapted from a 1723 statement directed against the use of--hymns!
 7. *Reasons why we today would choose to incorporate the beloved hymns of the church into the worship service.*
 1. Hymnals give us a valuable link to our rich Christian heritage.

2. Hymns provide us with a depth of vocabulary that many of our choruses do not.
 3. Hymns can provide us with a much wider variety of subjects and themes for expressing ourselves.
 4. The old hymns have a much longer lifespan than many of the choruses we sing today.
8. ***Ten reasons given in 1984 by a group of Bible college students to state why they did not support hymns:***
1. Many hymns are doctrinal and instructional in nature, rather than contributing to praise and worship.
 2. The music is formal, structured, and outdated, as opposed to being youthful and contemporary.
 3. Many of the words are archaic.
 4. Some have forsaken hymns as a part of their break with the dry deadness of their traditional background.
 5. Many hymns are dead.
 6. Many churches cannot afford hymnals.
 7. Hymns represented the new move of God in their day, and choruses represent the new move of God in our day.
 8. Choruses are simple and easy to concentrate on.
 9. Having to hold a hymnal is a negative factor.
 10. Choruses lend themselves more easily to flowing in the Spirit.

4. **SPIRITUAL SONGS.**

1. ***Can be songs to express joy.***
2. ***Spontaneous songs of the moment which rise from our spirits unto the Lord.***
3. ***Spiritual songs are sometimes spoken in our native tongue and sometimes in an unknown tongue.***
 1. (1 Cor 14:14 KJV) For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.
 2. (1 Cor 14:15 KJV) 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.
4. ***Each worshiper is able to sing his or her own unique spiritual song to the Lord*** (our own composition received spontaneously from the Lord through the Spirit).
5. ***A beautiful way to sing spiritual songs.*** Choose the melody of a known chorus, and rather than singing the words that everyone knows, sing the same tune but create own words of praise and thanksgiving unto the Lord.