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The Grace Of God

We are often reminded by our religious neighbours that we are saved by the grace of God. They leave the impression that we in the church of Christ do not believe in the grace of God since we teach the importance of obedience in relation to salvation. However, this is not true. Actually, we believe in both factors and we want to explain our beliefs.

First of all, grace means compassion, favour, kindness, love, mercy, and so on. It was God who so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son to provide salvation for a lost and dying world. (John 3:16,17). Man being a sinner, he could not save himself. (Romans 3:23). This is where grace comes in. God provided salvation when man was lost, hopeless, and could not save himself. But in providing salvation, he made that salvation conditional. That is, he put it on the basis that if man wanted to be saved then he would have to comply with certain terms or obey specific commands. God has always worked on this basis. But in requiring something of man, would not this take grace out of the picture? Not at all, since man could never do enough to earn his salvation.

Now let us notice a passage of scripture that brings all of this out very clearly. Paul says, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." (Ephesians 2:8,9). Most people who read these words see only the grace that saves and the works that hinder. But let's take a closer look. On the one hand, Paul is emphasizing the grace of God that brings salvation, but only as it is received through faith. God's part is described as grace, favour, or mercy. That is, he has provided salvation. But what about man? Just because God has made it possible for man to be saved, that does not mean that man will be saved. He may *reject* the grace of God. But on the other hand he may *accept* that grace. How

can he do this? Through faith. This, then, is man's part. But what is involved in faith? Obedience. This means that if one has enough faith to do what the Lord has asked him to do then he may be saved through the grace and mercy that has been given to him. Read such verses as Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38 and other verses that call on the sinner to obey the Lord. In the next place, Paul says that man is not saved by works. But what is he speaking about here? Is he speaking of the commands that one must obey to become a Christian? If so then that would take away faith, repentance, and the confession. If it is talking about the works or obedience of the Christian then that would mean that nothing would be expected of a person, that every thing would depend on the Lord and consequently it would demand that He save all. But if you'll read the context you'll discover that he is speaking of the works of the law of Moses. Under the law everything depended on works. John wrote, "For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." (John 1:17). No, we are not saved by the works of the law, but we are saved by the grace of God through Jesus Christ as we respond to his conditions of pardon. If you will continue to read on past Ephesians 2:8,9 and read verse 10, you'll note that he says, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

In Titus 3:4-7 Paul says, "But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life." Now these verses are saying practically the same thing as we said in Ephesians 2:8,9. That is, God gave his Son, Jesus, that man might be saved, and it is through that mercy, not the works of our own righteousness, that we are saved,

provided we accept that salvation through obeying his commands. Notice carefully that he says that we are saved by mercy by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost. Washing of regeneration has reference to baptism and the change that takes place as one submits to it and is made a new creature in Christ by the renewing power of the Holy Ghost. Read Acts 2:38 and Acts 3:19.

In conclusion let it be understood that if one is saved, he is saved by the grace of God. This does not mean that one can be saved without obeying the Lord. To the contrary, one must accept the salvation that Christ has offered by believing in him and then doing what he has asked, which means that he must go on to repent of his sins (Luke 13:3), confess Christ as the Son of God (Matthew 10:32), and be baptized to be saved. (Mark 16:16). This is what *Jesus* said that the individual must do. Thus, when man complies with his law, the Lord saves him. No, the individual does not and cannot save himself. It is the Lord who saves him as he obeys the conditions that bring pardon. But even after one has obeyed the gospel of Christ, and spends all of his life in service to his Saviour, obeying and working as hard as he can to please the Lord and to remain faithful to him, even then if he is eternally saved it will still be by the grace of God. Man could never do enough in this life to earn salvation. Even after he has done all that he has been asked to do, man is still a sinful being and is therefore dependent on the grace of God to save him in the end.

ASSOCIATE EDITORIAL

The Kingdom of God

In this brief article we are not going to study about various kingdoms or a kingdom of the world. Rather, we will make a study of the kingdom of which the

Bible speaks as being a great treasure and as a pearl of great price. (Matthew 13 : 44, 45). Before its establishment, God through His prophets proclaimed that it would be built. He also told when and where and by whom it would be established. (Isaiah 2 : 2, 3 ; Zechariah 6 : 12 ; Daniel 2 : 44).

Those who read their Bible will have noticed that the word, "the kingdom of God" or "the kingdom of Christ" is mentioned over and over again in the Bible. The book of God clearly tells us that His kingdom was built around 33 A.D. in the very same way as He had said through His prophets centuries before. Read carefully in your Bible the account in the book of Acts, chapter 2, and compare this with Isaiah 2 : 2,3 ; Daniel 2:37-44; Joel 2 : 28, 29; Mark 9 : 1. These verses tell us that it was to be built or begun in Jerusalem, and in the last days, in the days of the fourth world empire, i.e., the Roman Empire. The Lord would pour out His Spirit upon all flesh and Christ's chosen Apostles were to be alive to see its establishment. Now, Acts 2 tells us about the fulfilment of these prophecies. If thoughtfully and carefully you will study the chapters and verses mentioned, you will never be ignorant of the greatness and necessity of the kingdom of God.

However, there are scores of people who teach contrary to what the Bible says concerning the kingdom of God. Some believe that it is still to come. They even pray, "Thy kingdom come," without understanding that this prayer was taught by Christ as an example to his disciples prior to the establishment of the kingdom. Once speaking to his disciples, Christ said, "Verily I say unto you, that there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power." (Mark 9 : 1). Now, if the kingdom of God is not yet come then John, Peter, Andrew Christ's other disciples, to whom he was speaking at that time, must still be alive, more than 1900 years old, some where in the world. (Because Christ said some of them would not die TILL they had seen the kingdom of God come with power.) Are you

ready to believe this? I am sure you are not. Those who teach that God's kingdom is still to come accuse Christ as being an imposter.

Many have thought that Christ came to earth the first time with the intention of establishing his kingdom upon the earth, but when the Jews didn't accept him as being king he changed his plan and will come back the second time to do so. However, such a doctrine is not even hinted at in God's word. In fact, in the first place Jesus did not come to establish his kingdom upon the earth. He himself said, "My kingdom is not of this world." (John 18; 36). Moreover, it is mentioned in the book of John 6: 14, 15 that upon seeing the miracles of Christ many people came to him that they might take him with them to make him a king. But when Jesus perceived of this he departed into a mountain.

There is a group of people who teach that Christ is coming the second time to establish his kingdom upon the earth and that he will reign over it a thousand years. For proof they quote such verses as Revelation 20: 6 where a thousand years is mentioned as a figurative number. (Read 2 Peter 3: 8).

No, Christ is not coming back to set up his kingdom at all. Rather he is coming for his kingdom which already is in existence and has been since A.D. 33. (Acts 2). To show you the purpose of Christ's next coming, let me quote from 1 Corinthians 15:24 where the Apostle Paul says, "Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power." Therefore he is not coming back to start his kingdom, but to receive it and to deliver it to God the Father. To show that Christ is reigning now over his kingdom he goes on to say in the next verse: "For he must reign TILL he hath put all enemies under his feet."

Speaking to his brethren at Colosse Paul says, "Giving thanks unto the Father...Who hath delivered us from the power

of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son." (Colossians 1 : 12, 13). Of course it is impossible to be translated into something which does not even exist. Yet Paul says God hath translated them into Christ's kingdom.

But do you remember that Daniel the prophet of God said that this kingdom would never be destroyed and that it would stand forever ? Then how wonderful and safe would it be to become a citizen of such a kingdom and you can definitely become its citizen by fulfilling the law of God, since it is His kingdom. Jesus Christ said to enter into the kingdom of God one must be born anew, and to explain it he further mentioned that "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." (John 3 : 3-5).

In Acts the second chapter when the multitude heard the Apostle Peter preaching, they asked what they should do. "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." (Acts 2 : 38). The record says about 3000 men gladly accepted these words and did according to what Peter had told them to do. And the Lord added them to his kingdom. (Acts 2 : 41,47). All other people who want to enter into the kingdom of God must do the same, because Peter, said to this multitude, "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." (Acts 2 : 39).

Note : For further study upon this subject read "The Church of the Bible." This book is available in English and in Hindi FREE from : Church of Christ, C-22 South Extension 2, New Delhi 49.

The Foolishness of God

W. A. Bradfield

"Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men." (1 Corinthians 1 : 25). "It is

not in man that walketh to direct his steps." (Jeremiah 10: 23). "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man ; but the end thereof are the ways of death." (Proverbs 14:12.) "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55 : 8, 9). One of man's greatest errors is to try to find a way of salvation that is reasonable and logical to the human mind. Christianity is a matter of faith, not logic. (2 Corinthians 2 : 7).

Examples of the Principle

Naaman, a great man, was a leper. (2 Kings 5). Leprosy was an incurable disease except by divine intervention. The little maid who was taken captive wanted Naaman to go to the prophet in Israel that he might be healed. The king of Syria wrote a letter to the king of Israel and Naaman carried it to him. The king could not help him but God's prophet sent for Naaman to come to his house. The prophet told Naaman : "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and.....thou shalt be clean. Naaman became angry and "went into a rage." The remedy was too simple. It was foolish to him. But he changed his mind, did what God commanded, and was healed.

God gave Joshua the city of Jericho. (Joshua 6). But Joshua and his men of war were required to march around the walls one time each day for six days and seven times on the seventh day. The priests were to sound the horns and the people were to shout, and the walls would fall down and they could possess the city. God gave them the city but they had something to do before they received it. It was grace on God's part, plus obedience on Joshua's part. Could God have done it some other way ? Certainly, upon any condition or without conditions, but after he gave his word, it must be obeyed.

The Israelites were bitten by fiery serpents. (Numbers 21). God told Moses to place a brazen serpent on a pole and command the Israelites who were bitten by the fiery serpents to look and

live. They did exactly as they were commanded and were healed. God healed them. It was the grace of God, plus faith and obedience on the part of the Israelites, that healed these people.

Christ healed a man born blind. (John 9). Christ spat on the ground and made spittle and anointed the blind man's eyes, and commanded him to "go, wash in the pool of Siloam." The blind man did exactly as he was told and he saw the light of day for the first time. What caused the blind man to receive his sight? It was the power of God manifested by the Lord Jesus Christ. It was grace coupled with faith and obedience. The world would call this foolishness, but remember the "foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than man." To the blind man it was not foolishness

What are the conditions of salvation?

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." (Mark 16 : 16). The Lord said in Mark 16 : 16 there are two things one must do to be saved—*believe* and *be baptized*. But he that believeth *not* shall be damned; he could not be baptized. A failure to be baptized cannot damn him any more. The disbeliever cannot repent, confess Christ, be baptized or eat the Lord's supper. Everything that one does in becoming a Christian or in living the Christian life is by *faith*. To men the conditions of salvation may seem foolish but God's ways and thoughts are above his. We must obey God rather than man.

"Foolishness of Evolution"

By

Paul Simon

I can understand why Evolutionists try so hard to prove that the world has been in existence for millions of years; because, it would have taken man that long to have developed by the process of evolution—and then impossible, because only life can impart life. One cannot give that which he, himself,

does not possess. Only God can give life to dead matter ; therefore, only God could have formed man out of dust of the earth and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life. God is life and can give life. There are 600,000 recorded species of living invertebrates and 36,000 vertebrates. No one species can cross the line to another species. Evolutionists need to find, not one missing-link between men and monkey, but 636,000 missing-links. There is a missing-link between every species and it always will be missing, because God has so decreed.

Evolutionists are not satisfied to guess what man looked like millions of years ago, and call that guess, "Science", but are determined to guess how he will look a few years from now, and call that guess, "Science." Roy Chapman Andrews writes under the title, "How We Are Going To Look" in Readers Digest. May, 1945, "Human beings, half a million years from now, would be caricatures in our eyes—something out of a bad dream. Big round heads, almost globular, hairless as a billiard ball ; even the women ! Very clever these future people will be—much more intelligent than we are—but alas, at the expense of hearing, tasting, seeing, and smelling. Their faces will be smaller. But they will be taller, probably several inches, (He is not so sure about this bit of Science, but definitely so about the rest of it. P.S.) though shorter bodies are predicted, with longer legs and only four toes.

"We might hesitate to invite one of those future humans to dinner, were he to appear now in advance of his time, except for his conversational brilliance. But he would have some physical advantages over us : no appendicitis ! no sinus trouble ; no fallen arches" ... We should be the most happy people in the world ! We were born just at the right time ; just think ; had we been born a few million years ago, we should be squirming mud-dogs or baboons and had we not been born until half a million years later, we should have had large globular heads, with no hair. It seems as though some of us do not have long to go—just think, 500,000 years from now I shall be as bald-

head as a billiard ball. Alas, alas, poor me! And what are 500,000, years—to an Evolutionist?

Mr. Andrews continues, "Such predictions aren't guess work. They are based on the known progress of human evolution. Before us is the visible evidence of fossil human skeletons, beginning with that of the Java Ape Man, more than half a million years old, and progressing in a definite sequence up to the present day. We have every reason to believe (and yet, he does not give even one reason. I wonder why.—P.S.) that the development or reduction of the same physical characteristics will continue into the future. We can visualize some of these changes if we forget the paltry six thousand years of known civilization and think in terms of thousands of centuries." He says that those predictions are based on "known progress of human evolution." You can see just how much of it is "known." He has not made any of it known to us. Mr. Andrews admits that we have no knowledge (Science) of civilization prior to six thousand years ago, but he had just said, "Before us is the visible evidence of fossil human skeletons, beginning with that of the Java Ape Man, more than half a million years old ..." How does he know that they are more than 500,000 years old and that they are skeletons of the Ape Man, if civilization is unknown beyond 6,000 years ago? But he goes further back than that. He goes beyond the knowable and tells us what happened 60 million years ago, for he says, "It required 60 million years for the horse to change from the four-toed Eohippus, scarcely bigger than a fox, to the thoroughbred of today."

"Not long before the beginning of the Ice Age, say six or seven million years, (Which? He is a Scientist. He should tell us whether it was 6 or 7 million years. But what is a million years to an Evolutionist? It is quickly said. He reminds me of a certain woman, who to a friend of mine, said, "Honey just say you got it and get up from there." This friend was seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost and replied, "I haint got it and I haint gonna say I got it.") he was a quadrupedal ape, swinging blithely through the tree tops like a present-day gibbon or chimpanzee. But he was an ape with possibilities. Some inner urge (What urge? I have never been able to learn how anything but a monkey can know why a monkey acts as he does—P.S.) impelled him to get up on two feet and free his hands for purposes other than locomotion. He did this in an incredibly short time, judged by evolutionary standards (What are they?—P.S.). It required 60 million years for the horse to change from... What will happen to him (man

P.S.) mentally and spiritually we can only guess." Not all that glitters is gold. Not all that is called, "Science," is Science.

The Anti Christ Day

By

Sunny David

Christianity is a Bible subject. It originated with Christ and the Bible, especially the New Testament. All Christians are commanded to abide in Christ and in his words, because each one of us will be judged according to the words Christ hath spoken. (John 12 : 48 and 15 : 4). Therefore, it is essential that whatsoever we believe or practice it must be supported by the New Testament. However, in the religious world today there are many things being taught, believed, and practiced which are absolutely foreign to the New Testament and as well as to the whole Bible. In this article we will consider only one of them "Christmas", the so-called birthday of Christ. Each year on December 25th millions of people around the world celebrate Christmas. They do so because they are told by their parents, forefathers, and religious leaders that Christ was born on this day, i.e. December 25th. But the question is, does the Bible, the source of Christianity, teach this? If not, then how did it come into existence?

As a matter of fact, even the word Christmas is not found in the pages of the sixty-six books of the Bible. The Bible teaches that Christ was born, but nowhere does the Bible say that Christ was born on December 25th. Nowhere in the New Testament do we have an example of the disciples of Christ ever celebrating Christmas, or that the Apostles ever taught to do so. Again, it is not probable that Christ was born on December 25th, as the Bible says that shepherds were out in the field watching their flocks by night when Christ was born. (Luke 2 : 8). There was not likely any reason for this in the winter. During December the climate in and around Bethlehem is very cold.

What is commonly called "Christmas" is not the birthday of Christ. The word Christmas is from "Christes Masse" which means Mass of Christ, and it originated with the Catholic church. The Catholic church which came into existence hundreds of years

after, Christ had established his church, observed several masses of many different saints, and since they had no mass for Christ, they therefore planned to have a Christ's Mass. After some time it was decided by the Catholic church to observe the mass of Christ as Christ's birthday each year on December 25th. Later in the 11th century the Catholic church was divided into two different groups, i.e., the Roman Catholic and the Greek Orthodox church. However, the Roman Catholic church kept celebrating Christmas on December 25th but the Greek Orthodox church began to celebrate it on January 6th, which they do till this time. Now, all of the modern day denominations have come out of the Roman Catholic church since the fifteenth century, and with them they brought many man made teachings and practices, such as Christmas, infant baptism, sprinkling for baptism, the use of mechanical music in the church, etc.

Now, if God had wanted his people to celebrate, in any special way, the birth day of Christ, He certainly would have authorized such a celebration. The Scriptures contain all things which pertain to life and godliness. (2Peter 1 : 3 ; 2 Timothy 3 : 15-17). Christmas, since it is not divinely authorized, is an addition to the word of God, and is a doctrine and commandment of men, and is vain worship. (Revelation 22: 18-19 ; Matthew 15 : 9).

The Bible, in 2 John verse 9, tells us, "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son." The New Testament consists of the doctrine or the teachings of Christ. Now, do we read of Christmas or that of 25th December as the birthday of Christ in the New Testament? No, Certainly not. Then if we observe it, we would be "transgressing, and not abiding in the doctrine of Christ." Hence we would not have God, nor Christ.

Moreover, in many different churches, and as well as in homes, on Christmas day people make an idol, or a doll, and lay it in a manger as to show baby Christ. Please just

think : Is it not a great insult to the Son of God ; Christ who is the Lord of lords and King of kings, they compare him with a doll ! Each year they bring him down from heaven that he might be born annually, each year they crucify him, and each year they make him resurrected. How absurd ! How ridiculous ! Again, the majority of people get drunk, dance, and do many other unchristian things in the name of Christmas. On this day hundreds of people die because they drink much liquor to celebrate Christmas. Is this what Christ requires from his followers ? Certainly, it is an anti-Christ day and not Christ's birthday.

Sing Or Sin

By Johnny Polk

There are four reasons offered in an attempt to justify the use of instrumental music in Christian worship. They are : (1) House of Israel ; (2) Home ; (3) Heaven ; and (4) Holy people today.

I. HOUSE OF ISRAEL

Because a thing was authorized and or practiced under the law of Moses doesn't justify the practice today, for the law has been changed (Colossians 2:13-15; Hebrews 8:6-7 ; 9:15-18.) Paul said, "Ye are severed from Christ, ye who would be justified by the law ; ye are fallen away from grace" (Galatians 5:4). To justify instrumental music today from the Old Law is to fall from grace !

But WAS it authorized under the law of Moses ? Jesus claimed to come in order to fulfill the law (Matthew 5:17), but never once is there a record of either he or his disciples having used instruments of music. In fact, at the conclusion of the Passover, "they had sung a hymn" (Mark 14:26). Therefore, the Old Law didn't include or command instrumental music

for worship ! It is true the Jews USED it, but they also practiced divorce and remarriage (Deuteronomy 24:1-4) which God hated (Malachi 2:16). They had made a golden calf, offered strange fire, etc., but in so doing did not obey God's law. Their sins do not justify the same sins today (I Corinthians 10:6).

But, even if they DID use instruments of music in worship, and if that fact DOES justify the same today, it also authorizes EVERYTHING ELSE contained in the law of Moses ! "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is become guilty of all" (James 2:10). One must keep all or none !

II. HOME

There are many things which Christian liberty permits at home that religious worship does not allow. When Christians assemble to break bread on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7), it is not to eat a common meal (I Corinthians 11:20-22).

When Christians gather, it should not be to wash hands as a part of the worship (Mark 7:1-7). But there is no sin in washing and eating at home ! Likewise, the instrument is right at home — but wrong in church. And even if the scripture DID authorize the use of the instrument in the home, that does NOT authorize its use in Christian worship !

III. HEAVEN

To prove a thing to be in heaven would not authorize its use in worship today. For instrumental music to be scriptural, it must be shown from the Scriptures it is designated for Christians in this life. The following, however, are some of the verses utilized in an effort to prove the use of instruments will be in Heaven.

Revelation 5:8. "And when he had taken the book, the four living creatures and the four and twenty elders fell down

before the Lamb, having each one a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints." If this passage were to be taken literally, this would : 1. Only authorize a harp, not a piano ; 2. Only authorize 28 harps at most ; 3. Deny the verse's own symbolism. "bowls of incense, WHICH ARE the prayers of the saints." Revelation 14:2, "And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder : and the voice which I heard was as the voice of harpers harping with their harps." Again, if literal, this would : 1. Only authorize harps ; 2. Authorize many waters and a great thunder ; 3. Deny John the use of symbolism, "As the voice."

IV. HOLY PEOPLE TODAY

Men living in these days must restrict themselves to what the New Testament declares (Romans 10:17). Therefore, the following are pertinent ;

Romans 15:9—"Therefore will I give praise unto thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name." No instrument here.

I Corinthians 14:15—"I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also," No instrument here.

Ephesians 5:19—"Speaking one to another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord." The heart is referred to as an instrument, but no other is named.

Colossians 3:16—"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly ; in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts unto God." No instrument here.

James 5:13—"Is any cheerful ? let him sing praise." No instrument here.

This is the entire New Testament teaching on Christian music. The only instrument to be used to accompany singing is a

figurative use of "heart"! Inasmuch as vocal music is the only kind of music authorized, and there are only two kinds of music, instrumental music is forbidden. As gopher wood was the only kind authorized for Noah's ark (Genesis 6;14); bread and fruit of the vine is all that is authorized for the Lord's Supper (Matthew 26;26-27); singing is the only kind of music mentioned in the New Testament for worship. All else is excluded. "Through him then let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of lips which make confession to his name" (Hebrews 13:15): "The fruit of lips." not fingertips!

Some may say, "Instrumental music is an expedient," Can one expedite that which is not commanded? It DOESNT expedite, it expatriates!

Or, "It is an aid." It DOESN'T aid, it adds!

To find justification for instruments of music in praise to God under the Old Law is to look too far backward. To look into heaven is to look too far forward. To look at home is to look in the wrong place. To look in the New Testament is to look in the wrong place, for instrumental music is not commanded, authorized, or exemplified for use by Christians!

If you'll have it anyway, Jesus says. "Ye have made void the word of God because of your tradition" (Matthew 15:6). The BEST that can be said for the instrument in worship is that it is unauthorized, unjustified, unmentioned, and ungodly!

On the Judgement Day, the Bible will be just as silent on the support of instruments as it is today. "Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins." (Acts 2:38).

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