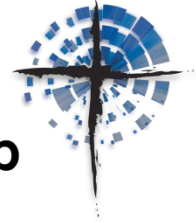


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## **Summary**

Scripture: Ephesians 5: 19-20

In his letter to the Ephesian church, Paul exhorts them to sing and make music to the Lord. Why would he want the church to sing?

Seven Reasons to Sing:

1. Music reflects the endless creativity of God. He created the world from nothing (ex nihilo).
2. Singing releases the eternity God has put in our hearts (Ecc. 3:11). God means to draw this out of the depths of our being.
3. Music is poetry and poetry helps us see the profoundest truths in language that lifts us above this life.
4. The church has a new song to sing. The song of our Savior.
5. The sound of music has always surrounded God, and we join with those who are now with the Father, as well as with the heavenly hosts (Rev. 5:11-14).
6. God sings over us (Zeph. 3:17). We can sing our praise and thanksgiving back to Him. Corporate worship lets us remember and reaffirm who God is in our lives. (Ps. 34:1 I will bless the Lord at all times.)
7. Singing praise to God gets us out of ourselves. Difficulties, distractions, etc. are put aside to focus on our Father.

For 60 or 80 years we get to be the worshippers on earth as it is in heaven. This is our shift!

## **Discussion Questions:**

1. Do you have any memories of personal, private worship moments that are especially meaningful to you?
2. Do you have any special memories when you participated in corporate worship?
3. Look over this list of reasons to sing. Do you want to make any changes in your life to become more of a worshipper?