

**I Will Sing Praises to my God
While I Have My Being**

Ephesians 5:18-21

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Point Number One:

Singing is a vital part of our life in Christ both now and forevermore and we should give ourselves to it everyday.

Martin Luther on Singing...

“After theology, there is nothing that can be placed on a level with music. It drives out the devil and makes people cheerful. It is a gift that God has given to birds and to men.”

Psalm 146:1-2

“Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.”

Point Number Two:

*Our commitment to singing, or lack thereof,
has as much impact on others as it does us.*

Ephesians 2:22

“In him [Christ] you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit”

Psalm 121

: “I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.”

Point Number Three:

At Glory of Christ, we believe very deeply in singing old songs and new songs, and we believe it's a mistake to sing only one or the other.

Psalm 33:1-3

“Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright. Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings! Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.”

Psalm 96:1-2

“Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.”

Isaiah 42:10-12

“Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise from the end of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that fills it, the coastlands and their inhabitants.

Let the desert and its cities lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar inhabits; let the habitants of Sela sing for joy, let them shout from the top of the mountains. Let them give glory to the LORD, and declare his praise in the coastlands.”

Psalm 77:10-12

“Then I said, ‘I will appeal to this, to the years of the right hand of the Most High.’ I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your wonders of old. I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds.”