

## Rev 19:10

***And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."***

I love Christian music because it draws me into the presence of the Lord so I can worship Him. But some people take Christian music to far and treat it like the world's music. How? By worshipping the worshipper instead of God. Some will buy posters, T-shirts and anything they can get their hands on that is related to their favorite Christian group. When they do this, in a sense they are making that group an idol and are worshipping them instead of God.

Another thing is if you listen to Christian radio on the internet, you will notice a very, very small handful of Christian musicians are played, maybe a dozen or so. Yet there are hundreds of thousands of Christians singers and song writers who make beautiful music to the Lord, but they are never heard, because they are not part of the "Mainstream" Christian music. This is a sad thing because there is so much great Christian music out there that will brings us into the presence of the Lord. Yet because of money, they are not heard by 99% of the Christian population. Once again, these handful of Christian musicians are idols, and I don't blame them, but I blame the Mainstream Music industry for turning worship into a money making industry.

I wonder if Jesus where here right now if He would treat these Christian radio stations like this next verse, because they have taken the object of worship and turned it into a money making business for themselves, just like these guys were in the temple?

✠ ***John 2:15-16 When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables. And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!"***

*"But they are so good and they bring me joy."* You may be thinking. Don't get me wrong, I am not opposed to Christian musicians, being one myself. But I am totally against the way Christians have put them on a pedestal making them greater then others simply because they can write and sing a song to the Lord.

*"Ok, I get it, but we need to reach the lost and the T-shirts and posters help do that."*

I'm sorry, I thought it was the Holy Spirit, and not man, or t-shirts or posters etc... who changes people's hearts. Plus can you name one person who got saved by reading a t-shirt or poster?

Christian musicians are only a tool used by God to reach others, just as any other Christian is a tool, gifted by the Holy Spirit and used by God to reach others. God doesn't

use their looks or sound or their t shirts to draw others to Him, but rather God uses His word as it is sung out.

- † **Isaiah 10:15** *Shall the ax boast itself against him who chops with it? Or shall the saw exalt itself against him who saws with it? As if a rod could wield itself against those who lift it up, Or as if a staff could lift up, as if it were not wood!*
- † **Isaiah 55:11** *So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.*

So go ahead and worship along with your favorite Christian band, just don't worship them just as the angel said to John in today's verse. ***See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God!***

Also I would encourage you to search the internet, and your music streaming service for Christian music beyond the mainstream artist you are used to listening to. You will be surprised how many hearts for God are out their singing to Him and could care less if they are part of the Mainstream music industry. Simply because they just want to worship the Lord, and I know they would love for you to join in with them, not to be famous, but to lift up the name of the Lord in song, because He is the Famous One.

- † **John 4:24** *God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.*
- † **Acts 9:15** *But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel."*