

Romans 14:10

But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

When it comes to judging others, it seems to be a very touchy subject. People don't want to be judged in most cases because they are afraid that their sins will be exposed, and so they say, "Don't judge lest ye be judged." Or simply "Don't judge me man." Most of the time what they really mean is don't judge me and let me keep on sinning.

But we won't get into that today. Instead, let's look at the judgment seat of Jesus Christ. In today's verse it says that "***we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.***" And when it's talking about the "***judgment seat of Christ,***" it's not talking about how we judged others, as we are standing before Jesus giving our take or input on someone who is a fellow Christian or even a ministry. But instead it says, "***So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.***"

Romans 14:12 Which includes each person giving an account for the ministry the Lord gave them to do,

The only thing we as believers should be judging on is if what is being taught is 100% accurate according to the bible, but not everything else as far as a ministry goes. And to make it clearer, we are not to judge based upon our own likes and dislikes.

Being part of the worship ministry over the years I have heard some people say some things that made me just shake my head. Things like:

- ✓ I really don't like that song, I wish you guys would do this other song more, that's my favorite.
- ✓ I see other churches that have smoke machines that they use during worship and even colored lights, I feel like I am at a concert.
- ✓ Why does that one worship team use all blue lights sometimes?

Just a few simple examples that I have heard. But when I hear these things, I notice that it is now the person taking the focus off of the Lord and putting the focus on themselves instead. And as a worship leader/team, our focus is on the Lord and what is pleasing to Him, not the people. So it doesn't matter if a song is sung that you like or not, its not being sung to you or for you, but to the Lord.

Smoke and colored lights, maybe you should read your bible because it sounds like God likes colored lights and smoke:

† **Revelation 4:3** *And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.*

† **Isaiah 6:4** *And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.*

Just because you don't like something does not mean it's wrong. I really don't like Country music, but that doesn't make it wrong. Just like colored lights, smoke etc.. does not make the worship wrong either. There may be other things in the church that are done that you don't like, but does that make them wrong, or is it making it all about you?

In heaven, we will be judged for what we do here on the earth, and not what some other ministry is doing that you are so busy trying to judge here on the earth.

† **Romans 14:12** *So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.*

† **Hebrews 4:13 (NLT2)** *Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable.*