

## Why Do We Sing...?

At some point during our time as a church body, there has been discussion about why we have share time, and why we have a teaching time. But it seems that we've never really discussed why we sing each week? Why is music a part of our time together? Let's take some time to look at not only why we sing, but also a few key things to remember when we sing.

### We Sing...

#### ...To Honor Our Lord

Singing is an incredible way to express our love and admiration for our Lord.

*Psalm 98 and many others*

#### ...To Encourage Each Other

Singing a song, especially when the lyrics are directed toward others, can be a great way of encouraging members of the body to honor God with their thoughts and actions.

*Ephesians 5:19*

#### ...To Encourage Ourselves

Singing should always be reflective and should give us an opportunity to check our hearts and encourage ourselves to think and act biblically.

*Colossians 3:16*

#### ...To Express Our Joy

Singing is one way that we can express our joy for all that God has done for us in Christ.

*James 5:13*

Let's now take these four reasons why we sing and apply them to a couple of songs:

#### Amazing Grace

#### Hallelujah

So what does all this mean for us?

### This means that we...

#### ...prepare for singing

...think about why we sing when we sing

...think about what we are singing

...reflect on our singing and work to improve



**Amazing Grace - John Newton**

[V1]  
Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.

[V2]  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

[V3]  
Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

[V4]  
The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my Shield and Portion be,  
As long as life endures.

[V5]  
Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
And mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess, within the veil,  
A life of joy and peace.

[V6]  
The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
The sun forbear to shine;  
But God, who called me here below,  
Will be forever mine.

[V7]  
When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.



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Ourselves & Others**

**Hallelujah - Brenton Brown/Brian Doerksen**

[V1]  
Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging  
Your love is a mountain, firm beneath my feet  
Your love is a mystery, how you gently lift me  
When I am surrounded, Your love carries me

[C]  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Your love makes me sing  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Your love makes me sing

[V2]  
Your love is surprising, I can feel it rising  
All the joy that's growing deep inside of me  
Every time I see You,  
All Your goodness shines through  
And I can feel this God song, rising up in me

[B]  
Lord you make me sing,  
Yes you make me sing, sing, sing  
How you make me sing



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