

Key Verses with Relevance to Using CCM in Worship to Encourage Seekers and New Christians to Participate

Ephesians 5:19

Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; **(I see nothing in the Bible that indicates why “spiritual songs” would not include CCM.)**

Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. **(Again, I see nothing in the Bible that indicates why “spiritual songs” would not include CCM.)**

John 17:15-16

I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. **(Christians are to be in the world but not of the world.)**

1 Corinthians 9:19-22

For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law. To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. **(In our desire to convert unbelievers, we should be willing to adapt to their scruples or customs, so long that they do not violate the commandments of Christ).**

Romans 11 and 12

For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office: If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them. (11: 13-14) **(Paul is the apostle to the Gentiles, but he greatly desires to save the Jews, and he hopes that the blessed lives of the saved Gentiles will provoke jealousy in the Jews that makes them come to Jesus too.)**

As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the father's sakes. For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance. For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief: Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy (11: 28-31) **(The Jews have been literally trying to kill the Christians as their enemies. Even so, Paul is asking the Gentile Christians to**

patiently endure the persecution and allow themselves by their example to be a means for the Jews to receive the mercy of God through the gospel.)

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (12:1-2) **(Because the Jews are persecuting the Christians, the Christians are asked to be this means for the Jews, even to the point of making the ultimate sacrifice. To be this example for the Jews, they need to rise above the world's usual behaviors of pride, pettiness, dishonest, etc.)**

(Romans 12:3 through 15:7 are practical guidelines for living in a way that will prove evangelistically (in this case, reaching out to the Jews) that the gospel truly justifies and sanctifies men. These are ways to rise above the world's usual behaviors and let our light shine before men.)

Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers: And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name. (15: 8-9) **(Paul concludes the long discussion of practical guidelines by summarizing that God had always planned for the gospel to begin with the Jews, but that right now His plan is for the Gentiles to be saved and to bring glory to God.)**