

QUESTION: Should Church Musicians Be Paid from the Tithe?

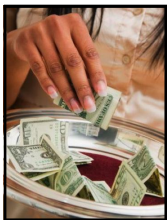
To answer the above question, **FALSE DOCTRINE** that has been taught by Satan's "ministers of righteousness" for over 2000 years must be unraveled.

Since the church began on the day of Pentecost, "...the mystery of INIQUITY" (2 THES.2:7) has been at work, with **FALSE APOSTLES** and **DECEITFUL WORKERS**, "...transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

And no marvel; for Satan himself **IS TRANSFORMED** into an angel of **LIGHT**. Therefore it is **NO GREAT THING** if his ministers also **BE TRANSFORMED** as the ministers of righteousness; whose **END** shall be according to their works" (2 COR. 11:13-15).

Teachings by Satan's ministers are at the **CORE** of False Christianity, Satan's **MASTER COUNTERFEIT** to the **TRUE** New Testament Church.

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE TITHE



The original meaning of the word "**TITHE**" has been **REDEFINED** to include the church: **ONE TENTH** of the **ANNUAL** produce of one's land OR of one's annual income paid as a tax or contribution to support a

CHURCH or its' **CLERGY**.

TITHING has **NOTHING TO DO** with the New Testament Church. Tithing had **ONLY** to do with the twelve tribes of **ISRAEL**, but its' purpose was not used after the crucifixion by the saints.

When the children of Israel took possession of the promised land, only 11 tribes were given an inheritance of that land. But to the 12th tribe of Levi, **IT WAS NOT GIVEN**.

"...the Lord **SEPARATED** the tribe of Levi, to bear the ark of the covenant of the Lord, to stand before the Lord to minister unto Him, and to bless in His name, **UNTO THIS DAY**.

Wherefore Levi **HATH NO PART** nor **INHERITANCE** with his brethren; **THE LORD IS HIS INHERITANCE**, according as the Lord thy God promised him" (DEUTERONOMY 10:8-9).

Because of this, the other tribes **GAVE TITHES** to Levi to sustain them; each individual giving annually **ONE TENTH** of his **INCREASE**, such as corn, oil, etc., to **SUSTAIN** the tribe of Levi as they ministered unto the Lord.

THE TRUTH ABOUT N. T. GIVING

Later, the apostle Paul said, "...that **AFTER MY DEPARTING** [**AFTER MY DEATH**] shall **GRIEVOUS WOLVES ENTER IN**" (ACTS 20:29), and **THEY DID ENTER**, "teaching for **DOCTRINES** the commandments of MEN" (MATT. 15:9; MARK 7:7), and **INCORPORATING** the doctrine of **TITHING** to support themselves.

But, when the church first began in the book of Acts, **TRUE** believers "continued steadfastly in the **APOSTLES'** doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (ACTS 2:41).

Notice the **NATURE** of these **TRUE FIRST CHRISTIANS**: "...**ALL** that believed were together, and had **ALL THINGS COMMON**; and **SOLD THEIR POSSESSIONS** and **GOODS**, and **PARTED THEM TO ALL MEN**, as every man **HAD NEED**" (ACTS 2:44-45).

"And the multitude of them that **BELIEVED** were of **ONE HEART** and of **ONE SOUL**: neither said **ANY OF THEM** that ought of the things which he **POSSESSED** was **HIS OWN**; but they had **ALL THINGS COMMON**" (ACTS 4:32).

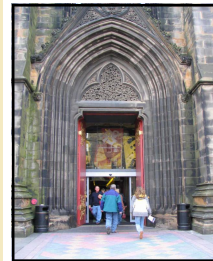
Jesus told his disciples that **BECAUSE OF THIS KIND OF LOVE**, "...**SHALL ALL MEN KNOW** that ye are my disciples" (JOHN 13:34-35). Now, just look at them after the day of Pentecost!

TRUE LOVE GIVES and **GIVES**! Suddenly after the salvation of all believers, this world with **ALL** its possessions of "**THINGS**" becomes strangely dim because **WE** "...desire a **BETTER** country, that is, an heavenly" (HEB. 11:16).

God **IS LOVE** (1 JOHN 4:8), and the best example of it: for He **GAVE** His Son to die, and His Son **GAVE** His life for many! **TRUE LOVE** causes the husband to **GIVE** himself unselfishly to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband! And the Church **GIVES WILLINGLY** to the brethren!

Now, ask yourself: **WHAT EVER HAPPEN TO THIS CHURCH? WHERE DID THEY GO?**

THE CHURCH & WORSHIP



Not long after the church began, wicked men, known in our history books as "the church fathers," changed the meaning of the church into a physical building, much like the pagan worshippers.

But, only those who are born of the Spirit truly **KNOW** that the church of the living God **IS NOT** a building. Neither do **WE** have a physical place of worship. The church of God is **SPIRITUAL**, a **LIVING ORGANISM**, made up of all saints of God, and, known as the Body of Jesus Christ, or the Bride of Christ!

Each one of us are "**LIVELY STONES**" and we are **BUILT UP** a **SPIRITUAL HOUSE** [**NOT A PHYSICAL HOUSE**], "...an holy priesthood, to offer up **SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES**, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ" (1 PETER 2:5).

There is no such thing as a physical church building in the Word of God, because **WE** are that "building," the body of Christ, "...which is the church" (COL. 1:24), or "the called" (ROM. 1:6).

Our place of worship has **ALREADY** been **DEFINED** by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ: "...the **HOUR COMETH**, when ye shall **NEITHER** in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, **WORSHIP** the Father...the **HOUR COMETH**, and **NOW IS**, when the **TRUE WORSHIPPERS** shall worship the Father in spirit and in **TRUTH**...God is a Spirit: and they that **WORSHIP HIM MUST WORSHIP HIM** in spirit and in **TRUTH**" (JOHN 4:21-24).



CHURCH MUSICIANS

Since tithing has **NO PART** with the church Jesus came to build, and the church is **NOT a building**, nor do Christians have **WORSHIP SERVICES** in such buildings, then how will church musicians get **PAID**? We will allow God to answer this on Judgment Day!