

TRADITIONAL AND CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

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In the times we live in we are seeing lots of advertisements of people offering "Traditional" and "Contemporary" Worship services. Well, Just what is contemporary worship? Contemporary Worship is a man made way of "Spicing" up the worship service. Men think that "Traditional" worship is old, outdated, and quite frankly boring. If you will notice the traditional worship is geared toward the older folks while the contemporary worship is geared toward the younger generation. This disturbs me because we are dividing worship into separate classes. When we look at 1 Corinthians 1:11-13 observe that "Christ is not divided" and that there should be no "contentions among you". John 4:23-24 further explains that worship to God must be in spirit and in truth. It is true we are to make a "Joyful noise unto the Lord." Psalms 100:1, and continuing. But, we are also informed that "God is not the author of confusion." 1 Corinthians 14:33. In fact later in that same chapter, and in verse 40 we are told to do things "Decently, and in order." In

fact reading the section of 1 Corinthians 14 verses 26-40 it makes it clear on how, and how we should not worship God. When we are breaking down Contemporary, Traditional worship, we are saying, doing different things which the Lord commands. See verses 26 and 27, and worshiping in ways he does not authorize. While such worship periods make it enjoyable to man it does not mean it is pleasing unto the Lord. We worship God to glorify, and satisfy him, and not ourselves! We will have more to say about this subject in coming issues, Lord willing. Should you have a question, or just simply not agree with what the Bible says, and wish to discuss it you may get in touch with me with the address' and numbers given on the front page of this bulletin. Thanks for reading – Clay.