

Rock Music: Bad, But I Like It

What is the most popular kind of music in the world?

What do all of these performers have in common?

What does the music have in common?

Rock music is the most popular kind of music in the world.

It is ubiquitous—it is everywhere.

If we take away the words, is rock music acceptable?

What does the music style itself say?

Whether we like something or not does not make something right or wrong.

We must be discerning. John 4:1

Rock Music

1. Bad history (John 8:44)
 - a. Jazz (immorality and alcohol environment)
 - b. Rhythm and blues (Black American—immoral)
 - c. Worldly gospel music (Christian performers)
 - d. Pagan ethnic music
 - e. Old time country western music (1930-40's)

These came together—these were the streams that merged to create rock music.
2. Bad start (Ephesians 6:1-2)
 - a. Early 1950's major shift in American culture
 - b. Rebellion of young people against restraint (began in 1950's).

Rock music was created to reflect and encourage this change.
3. Bad words or lyrics (Ephesians 5:3-4).

The subject matter of the songs was bad. Ephesians 5:3-4 list the subject matter of many rock songs. They are celebrating and encouraging these kinds of things.
4. Bad (musical) language: This is the fundamental issue.

Colossians 3:8

If music is saying these kinds of things in Colossians 3:8, then we have a problem. It communicates rebellion against restraint. How does it do it?

 - a. The use of rhythm
 - b. The use of repetition
 - c. The singing style
5. Bad fruit

How does this impact our society? Is it producing good fruit or bad fruit? What does it do? What has it done?

 - a. Performance style: the actions of the people performing the music
 - b. The lifestyle of the performers

- c. Dance styles: what kind of physical response does this kind of music produce?—the kind of movements that rock music encourages

Conclusion:

1 John 2:15-16

Is rock music the right kind of music to use to worship God?

Is this the right kind of music to use just for fun?

Does rock music make you want to: read your Bible; pray; be more godly; witness to unsaved friends; obey / respect authority/ be less like the world in what you wear and what you watch on TV / internet?

Does rock music encourage you to do profitable things with your spare time?

Challenge: Do a 30-day rock music fast: no rock music