

Why do some raise their hands in church ?

1st. It is scriptural

1 Timothy 2:8 I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

That's right, your hands are Holy, you didn't know that did you?

So what you do with your hands, also reflects what is in you.

You do it out of love for Christ, you sense his presence or anointing. By so doing, you are submitting your praise & worship to God.

2 Chronicles 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

2nd. Obedience

2 Samuel 22:45 Strangers shall submit themselves unto me: as soon as they hear, they shall be obedient unto me.

Romans 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

When you first raise your hands, your mind will say: "you're just trying to show how spiritual you are or you're just doing it because others are". In reality, the words to the song or the prayer or the praise means something to you and your inner being. You love the Lord and it is an outward show of obedience to the word of God and how you feel inwardly.

Matthew 28:17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.

3rd./ Show

Colossians 2:23 **Such regulations** indeed have an appearance of wisdom, with their self-imposed worship, their false humility

and their harsh treatment of the body, but they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence.

There are many that do things just because they see others do it. They want to fit in, especially if the multitude do it.

Exodus 23:2 Thou shalt not follow a multitude **to do evil; neither shalt thou speak in a cause to decline after many to wrest judgment:**

But - BEWARE OF YOURSELF

Luke 6:37 Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: **condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:**

You see, it is not up to us to decide if someone is sincere or not. **We ARE to judge if WE are sincere or not** and it's up to God to worry if someone else is not sincere. You see, **WE can only be responsible for ourself.** We are to be an example, by our actions and lifestyle, as Christ was for us.

John 13:15 For I have given you an example, **that ye should do as I have done to you.**

We are susceptible to the human (evil) nature of judging others, in spite of God saying in his word That the world is judged already and all that do not believe Christ payed the price for our sins and except him as Christ the Lord and saviour of the world. WILL be cast into HELL, forever without God.

John 3:18 **He that believeth on him is not condemned:** but he that believeth not is condemned already, **because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.**

Matthew 7:2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: **and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.**

Those that say I don't go to that church because it is full of hypocrites or they are doing that strictly in the flesh **ARE IN DANGER** of Matthew 7:2

I trust this sheds some light on the subject

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