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# Country & Black Gospel

## Spreading The Word In Song - *A Church Concert*

F.W.Smolls singing the Early Gospel (1920's-1940's)

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## History ...

Country Gospel has been around for generations. The music tends to deal with life's problems and God's answers to those problems, and it doesn't sound like the religious music of years past. It originated as a blend of early mountain music, cowboy music and the music from the plantations of the Deep South.

The origins of Traditional Black Gospel are during American slavery, when enslaved Africans were introduced to the Christian religion and converted in large numbers. Remnants of different African cultures were combined with Western Christianity, with one result being the emergence of the spiritual. Jubilee songs and sorrow songs were two type of spirituals that are sung to express either personal or a communal belief regarding African American Christian life.



## Experience ...

Early gospel recordings of the 1920's and 1930's captured real life experience. Like an ancestors voice they tell tales of happiness and sorrow people lived to see. To some the joy and the woe of years past seem very different from the pleasures and the struggles of the so called modern times. But are they really?

Is history repeating itself and if so, is it for the better or the worse? Inspiration and encouragement are hidden in between the lines of this honest and uplifting music. Early Gospel is The Word telling the listener where one came from and where one will go.

Some point of reference \_\_\_\_\_ "Peter On The Sea" traditional gospel \_\_\_\_\_

THEN <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dc9Vb9F3uWM>

AND

NOW <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nX8VnGsC9g4>

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## Repertoire List (Excerpt)

- We're In The Same Boat Brother <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ugaotkE2ta0>
- Swing Low Sweet Chariot <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GUvBGZnL9rE>
- Paul And Silas In Jail <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ZUyNsSdoUg>
- Will The Circle Be Unbroken <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qjHjm5sRqSA>
- Do Remember Me [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jjsIz\\_5e9hA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jjsIz_5e9hA)
- Peter On The Sea <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dc9Vb9F3uWM>
- Death Is Only A Dream <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9iGo9CoNvww>
- This Train <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nkD0hDi9ZIo>
- Jubilee [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5v\\_jhm0hMZY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5v_jhm0hMZY)
- Deep River [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-l\\_6nSldtnI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-l_6nSldtnI)
- Devil's Nine Questions <https://youtu.be/Z9GVzDrMUj0>

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