

The Forgotten History of Christian Rock: Part Five

Welcome to *The Forgotten History of Christian Rock*.

This is Part Five of a five part series exploring the history of Christian Rock and Roll Music.

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Thank you so much for reading. Please feel free to comment below.

Part Five:

Where Do We Go From Here? by Phill Lytle

The mid/late 2000s through present

What has been the point of this series? Why have we spent the past month writing over 4,000 words and creating playlists with hundreds of songs?

To remember.

It really is that simple. As our scope has been laser-focused on the rock music genre, we realize that this leaves many artists unexplored. Many great artists that risk being forgotten just as much as the bands we have covered. There is a whole other series that needs to be written about those wonderful bands, singers, and performers in Christian music history that didn't quite fit into what we were doing. Perhaps one day, we will tackle that topic. For now, we appreciate all the comments, questions, and suggestions we have received as we have released each new installment in this series. Our hope is that we, at the bare minimum, started a conversation. For reasons we will never understand, the Christian music world is seemingly the only one that actively forgets its history. That needs to stop. Based on the massive reaction we received from this series, it is clear there are many others who feel the same way.

That leads us to our next steps. Where do we go from here? Instead of writing another 1,000 words about the Christian bands and artists that are currently making what we consider to be the best music, we would rather let their music speak for itself. We would also like to invite you to join us by telling us about your favorite artists that don't quite fit the CCM mold. We all know the *Hillsongs*, the *Casting Crowns*, the *Toby Macs* of the world. We want to move right outside of that space and show you a world of music created by artists, poets, and visionaries that will challenge and inspire. Artists like *Andrew Peterson*, *John Mark McMillan*, *Josh Garrels*, and many more. These artists carry the banner first picked up by *Keith Green*, *Petra*, *The 77's*, and *The Call*. They carry on the legacy of excellence, artistry, and creativity. Let us do our best to not overlook this amazing music simply because it does not get played on the local FM station.