**Can We Just Do What We Want To In Religion?**

I read on the internet on Dec 22 (https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/2017/12/22/high-praise-pot-churches-proliferate-states-ease-access-marijuana/971871001/ ) that the Coachella Valley Church in San Jose, California smokes pot as part of "sacrament" (the Lord's Supper, communion). Obviously they ignore what the Bible says on the matter, and do what they think is best or what they want.

That raises this important question: are we free to worship God in any way that we think is best or pleases us?, including smoking marijuana?

Matt 26:26-29 "And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

So if we can't change the Lord's Supper to include marijuana, can we change it to include water like the Mormons do? Or hamburgers and coke as I’ve heard others have suggested?

If we can't change either of the elements, bread and fruit of the vine, can we change the day or frequency?

Acts 20:7 "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight."

Are we free to change baptism from immersion to our choice including sprinkling or pouring as many churches have done?

Rom 6:4-5 "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:"

Are we free to change the purpose of baptism from "for the remission of sins" (to be saved) to just an "outward sign of an inward grace"?

* Mark 16:16 “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be [condemned].”
* Acts 2:38 “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”
* Acts 22:16 “And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.”
* I Pet 3:21 “The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:”

Can we have women preachers if political correctness pressures us to do so?:

* I Cor 14:34-35 "Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience as also saith the law. And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church."
* I Tim 2:11-12 "Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence."

Can we have a rock band just because we want to? – where is the authority for that? Is our worship supposed to be designed to please those attending, or to please God?

Can we change any part of the church worship to suit or please us, or should we follow what the New Testament says about how we are to worship God?

* John 4:24 “God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”
* Lev 10:1-2 “And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the Lord, which he commanded them not. And there went out fire from the Lord, and devoured them, and they died before the Lord.”

Though Nadab and Abihu lived under the OT law, we can learn from them that we today better follow our law, the New Testament law, when deciding how we are going to worship God.