

Restoring the New Testament Church

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Introduction: The Goal to Restore New Testament Christianity: “Can it be Done?”

I. Seven Major Truths Restored During the Restoration Movement.

- A. “No creed, but Christ” (**2 Tim. 3:16-17**; John 12:48).
- B. A New Covenant was established at the cross of Christ (**Col. 2:14-17**; Eph. 2:1-16; Hebrews; Galatians).
- C. Water baptism is for penitent believers for the forgiveness of sins (**Acts 8:35-39; 2:38**; 1 Pet. 3:21).
- D. The New Testament is the pattern for the church to follow for *all times* (**Acts 2:42**; Col. 3:16; Phil. 1:1; Phil. 4:15-18; Eph. 4:16; Acts 11:27-30; **Rom. 12:2**).
- E. People can understand the Bible *alike* (**Eph. 3:3-5**; 5:17; John 8:32; 1 Tim. 2:4).
- F. The Lord’s Supper is to be *observed* on the first day of *every* week (**Acts 20:7**; 1 Cor. 16:1-2; 11:20-34; Acts 2:42; **1 Cor. 11:20-25**).
- G. “Unity through the restoration of the ancient order” (**John 17:17-23**; **1 Cor. 1:10**; **Eph. 4:1-6**; **Rom. 14:15**; **Jer. 18:15**).

II. The New Testament Church is Restored When the Silence of the Scriptures is Respected.

- A. An important message of the restoration movement was: “*Where the Bible speaks, we speak; where the Bible is silent, we are silent*” (**1 Peter 4:11**; Deut. 29:29).
- B. Respecting the silence of God (the Scriptures) means we do not add to God’s word, nor take away from it (**Rev. 22:18-19**) and we do not act without His authority (**Col. 3:17**).

Conclusion: May We Always Maintain Our Belief in New Testament Christianity and Have the Courage to Practice it, Even Today.