

APOSTOLIC RESTORATION

REFORMATION OR RESTORATION?

Reformation: (1) *The act of reforming; state of being reformed.*
(2) *The religious movement in the 16th century that had for its object the reform of the Roman Catholic Church, and that led to the establishment of the Protestant churches.*

Restoration: (1) *the act of restoring; renewal; revival; or reestablishment.* (2) *The state or fact of being restored.* (3) *A return of something to a former, original, normal, or unimpaired condition.* (4) *Restitution of something taken away or lost.*

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I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither

received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. [Galatians 1:6-12]

But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him. [2Corinthians 11:3-4]

As I began this article I wanted to properly title it. I thought, Protestants have drifted so far from the teachings of Jesus and the Apostles, we really need another reformation. I know most of you are somewhat familiar with the famous reformation started by Martin Luther in the 16th century.

As I thought about the title a scripture came to me: *"Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began" [Acts 3:21]*. I realized, we don't need a reformation. We need a restoration! A spiritual revolution! And there it was promised in God's Word. Surely, we are in the times of restitution. Praise the Lord!

Frankly, I don't believe the church world can be reformed. But people can be restored to the faith once delivered.

For more than forty years I have strove to preach the un-compromised Gospel declared by the Apostles of Jesus Christ. In doing so, I have come to some startling conclusions. I am convinced the gospel message preached throughout modern Christianity today is nothing more than the "Another

Gospel" and the "Another Jesus" that the Apostle Paul referred to. We desperately need a restoration!

While many within the ranks of protestant denominations and independents accuse the Pope of Rome to be the antichrist, or at least a symbol of the antichrist; they themselves uphold many of the doctrines of Catholicism as their bases of faith. Such statements of faith or "Articles of Faith" are filled with many of the doctrines of the Roman Church. One must wonder what these modern protestant churches are protesting.

We are also seeing a movement into Judaism as well; especially among the Pentecostals and Charismatics. I will discuss the dangers of "The Jews Religion" in a future article I have titled "Charismatic Judaism".

The challenge before us is to contend for the faith once delivered. I would describe this as the pure faith presented to the early church and fully defined within the Apostle's teaching found in the New Testament. Nothing more, nothing less!

Today, some Protestant and Pentecostal denominations go so far as to include the ancient Roman Catholic "Apostles Creed" as part of their statement of faith.

Within the ranks of Protestants are Pentecostals and Apostolics who claim they are empowered with the Holy Spirit. They speak in tongues and claim to have power to manifest the gifts of the Spirit which would certainly include the gifts of wisdom and knowledge. Yet most of them are heavily involved in the doctrines and traditions of Humanism and Catholicism; and teach doctrines that widely differ from each other.

How can this be? If you have the Holy Spirit abiding in your life, it seems reasonable to conclude

that He would be guiding you into all Truth rather than lies!

Jesus said, *"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come."* [John 16:13]

Obviously the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth! Therefore if your denomination, your church, your preacher, or you believe and teach a doctrine that is not Biblically sound, the Holy Spirit didn't reveal it. The Word of God must always be our basis for Truth as the Spirit and the Word will always agree.

As unbelievable as it sounds, there are many today which claim they have no doctrine at all. They say, "We just believe in Jesus." My friends, if you believe in Jesus, you will believe His doctrine! Jesus stated very clearly that the foundation which would keep us from being destroyed is His teaching. *"Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock."* [Matthew 7:24]

You cannot have Christ without His teaching! The Apostles were very firm as to how we should view doctrine. Here are just a few of the Apostle Paul statements about doctrine: *"As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine."* [1 Timothy 1:3]; *"Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."* [1 Timothy 4:16]

It should be clear! There is a doctrine that must be preached! But, do men have the authority

to change the doctrines of Jesus and the Apostles and declare their own interpretations?

Paul said there was only one foundation! *"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. [1 Corinthians 3:11]; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone."* [Ephesians 2:20]

That foundation my friends is the teaching of Jesus and the Apostles. The Apostle Paul warned, *"According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."* [1Corinthians 3:10-11]

According to Saint John Chapter one, Jesus Christ is the Living Word of God! The Word was made flesh!

The Apostle John was very bold and crystal clear about the Spirit of Truth! *"We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error."* [1 John 4:6] The "We" he is referring to are the Apostles!

Let me make it even clearer: "If you are of God, you will hear what the Apostles have declared. You will believe and act upon what they have stated in the New Testament. If you are not of God you will not adhere to the Apostles teachings and you will follow after the teachings and traditions of man. If you find you have accepted a teaching contrary to what the Apostles taught, you will reject what you have believed and not only accept the Apostles teachings, you will obey them."

Do you realize that John was talking about the antichrist when he made this statement about the spirit of error? Let's look at verses one through six: *"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error."* [1John 4:1-6] There it is! I know you can clearly see how the spirit of antichrist which is the "spirit of error" operates.

The antichrist is a perverter of God's Word! When one compares the doctrines of our Lord and His Apostles as stated in the New Testament with the doctrines of Christianity today it is horrifying! How can this be considering the fact we all have the same Bible and supposedly the same Holy Spirit?

The answer is painfully clear. Most have chosen to follow the traditions and teachings of man rather than the Word of God. Many love their church, their denomination, or their minister more than they love the Truth. They are hearers of the Word, not doers and have willfully been deceived. The god of this world has blinded their minds! The abomination of false teaching abounds and only a few remain to defend the Truth.

Today, there are only a few that are crying out against the false teachings that are corrupting countless millions! What has happened? Protestant church's today are Protestant in name only! Most of the Christians within the church world haven't a clue what Catholicism is all about. Over the years Pastors have shunned to preach against false doctrines. Their messages have become so watered down that the Word is hardly mentioned. Doctrine is never preached! The message is about what someone read in a magazine or newspaper. Their sermons come from the internet rather than the Holy Spirit. The call is not to repentance but rather to a carnal cause: "save our environment, save the whale, etc." Their sermons are filled with jokes and innuendoes; and prosperity rather than holy living and sacrifice.

Emotion rules the church rather than the Holy Ghost! Folks today CANNOT discern the difference between emotion and the anointing! They sing, they shout, they run, they dance, they scream, they laugh, they cry . . . but no holy conviction, no Word, no doctrine which is able to save their souls! What an abomination!

There is a diabolic spiritual connection that comes directly from Satan himself, who according to the book of Revelation has deceived the whole world!

The lies and deception of Satan have always been here! You see, every seed will bring forth of its own kind. Catholicism birthed Protestantism, and Protestantism has birthed Pentecostalism, and Pentecostalism has birthed the Charismatic, and on and on it goes. They are all from the same seed! And that seed is the seed of the serpent! The serpent's seed (which is the antichrist's perverted gospel) has brought multitudes into the image of the

beast. The good seed which is the Word of God will bring forth Christians in the image of Christ.

We don't need another protestant reformation. We need a real restoration that will take us all the way back to the Apostles doctrine and teaching of Jesus!

"And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him." The word "worship" in the Strongs is #4352 *proskuneo* which means: to kiss, like a dog licking his master's hand; to prostrate oneself in homage, to reverence, adore. Almost everyone is aware that many well known ministers and leaders of our time have bowed before the Pope of Rome and kissed the ring on his finger. This is a display of worship! I watched as multitudes of Americans and later Mexicans fell over themselves trying to get a closer look at this new Pope. Their obvious adoration was amazing!

But what of the worship that is extended to countless ministers throughout Christianity Today!? Christian's adoration of men and women of the ministry is widespread especially among the Pentecostals and Charismatics. Contrary to the teachings of Jesus, we give them glorious titles: Father, Priest, Reverend, Doctor, etc. Their flocks reverence them, and they love it! But look what Jesus said about such men and women, *"And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi. But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren. And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ."* [Matthew 23:6-10]

Men and women have misused and abused the office of the ministry and have exalted themselves as Prophets and Prophetesses, Overseer's, Apostle's and Bishops. I have heard some lie boldly to the people, "You can't hear from God, unless you hear it from me." "I birthed you into this church, and you can't leave without my permission." They hold their flocks spellbound by their demands that they must be followed, and if you fail to follow them; you will burn in hell. Many that have tried to escape the clutches of these men have been belittled and embarrassed before their peers. Many have been threatened with hell fire if they leave their churches or denominations. They rule with an iron fist imposing their carnal standards to control the people. Instead of Christ being the Head of the church, they have taken that position from Him, thus becoming a manifestation of the man of sin.

Believe it or not, there are few that have the spiritual resolve to leave these carnal churches! Although you can show them the truths of the Bible, many choose their organization, denomination, or preacher over God. Many stay out of fear, but some have told me they know the truth and they know that their minister doesn't believe it, but they love him and their church so much, they just can't leave! Why? Because they worship the creature, not the Creator! The antichrist spirit has deceived them.

When men and women pervert God's Word, they become *as God*, for God is the Word! Let me say it this way, any person or organization that promotes any teaching that is contrary to the Word of God have exalted themselves above God. They are manifesting the spirit of antichrist!

Today, God has a special command for those that have an ear to hear what the Spirit is speaking.

You might presently be a Catholic, a Protestant, Pentecostal, Charismatic or deeply involved in Humanism; but if the true seed of God has been sown in your heart, there is a still small voice that is speaking to you. That Voice is saying, "*Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.*" [Revelation 18:4]

"Come out of her, MY PEOPLE!" I believe that God has people in the Catholic Church as well as the Protestant, Pentecostal and Charismatic Churches! This article is not against the people in these churches! It is not intended as an attack against anyone. It is intended to awaken you that the teachings of Christianity today is a far cry from the beliefs of the early church.

In the beginnings of Christianity, we know that the antichrist came out of the true church and manifested itself. Now, in the last days we find God saying "*Come out of her, my people.*" Oh, I hope you can see this. The true church, (*the people of God*) is now enslaved in the false church system. The true church must now come out of the false and be manifested.

The man of sin is revealed! He is a many membered corporate man just as the body of Christ is. You hear him every week, you see him, millions follow him, and most are blinded to this truth. The falling away has occurred! Now is the time for complete restoration!

What will we see in the immediate future? One thing is for sure, you will see the man of sin fully revealed to all that have eyes to see and an ear to hear from God. The rest will never know, for it is not given them to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God.

For years we have seen the Mainline Protestant Churches extend the right hand of fellowship to the Catholic Church and visa versa. Now you see the Charismatic and Pentecostal churches doing the same, for they are all spiritually connected through the power and false teachings of the wicked one. They are all built on the same foundation. A false love will be the common denominator and it will allow all parties to believe in their various doctrines, but they will give their power to the beast. Catholicism, Protestantism, and Pentecostalism will become one in spirit, and thus the man of sin will be brought to maturity. We are truly seeing this spiritual connection in our time. Who is involved? The answer should be obvious! Open your eyes! Where have all the Protestants gone? Who is protesting?

I think it fitting that the number of the name of the beast (666) is also the number of a scripture that describes disciples that quit walking with the Lord: *From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. [John 6:66]*

To walk with the Lord is to walk in Truth. God spoke by the prophet Amos and asked, "*Can two walk together, except they be agreed?*" I ask you dear one, "are you walking with God or with the devil?" Are you walking in Truth, or in deception?

My friends, I encourage you to search the scriptures and make sure that you are following the doctrines of Jesus and the Apostles. After hearing Paul preach; the people of Berea searched the scriptures to see if he was telling them the truth. "*These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.*" [Acts 17:12]

Jesus said, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." [John 5:39]

Peter said, "Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall."
[2 Peter 1:10]

Have you searched the scriptures and compared the scriptures with what is presently taught in modern Christianity?

The same wicked spirits that the apostles contended with are a very real and present danger today. As a matter of fact, the antichrist spirit has prevailed in many modern day churches with their damnable teachings.

Space in this short article has not allowed me to categorize the actual false doctrines portrayed as truth in many churches today. I simply urge every reader to search the scriptures and pray for understanding. God will reveal His truths to you.

However, if you fail to read and study God's Word it is your own fault if you fall into deception. I have never told anyone to take my word for the truth, but to compare what I teach with God's Word.

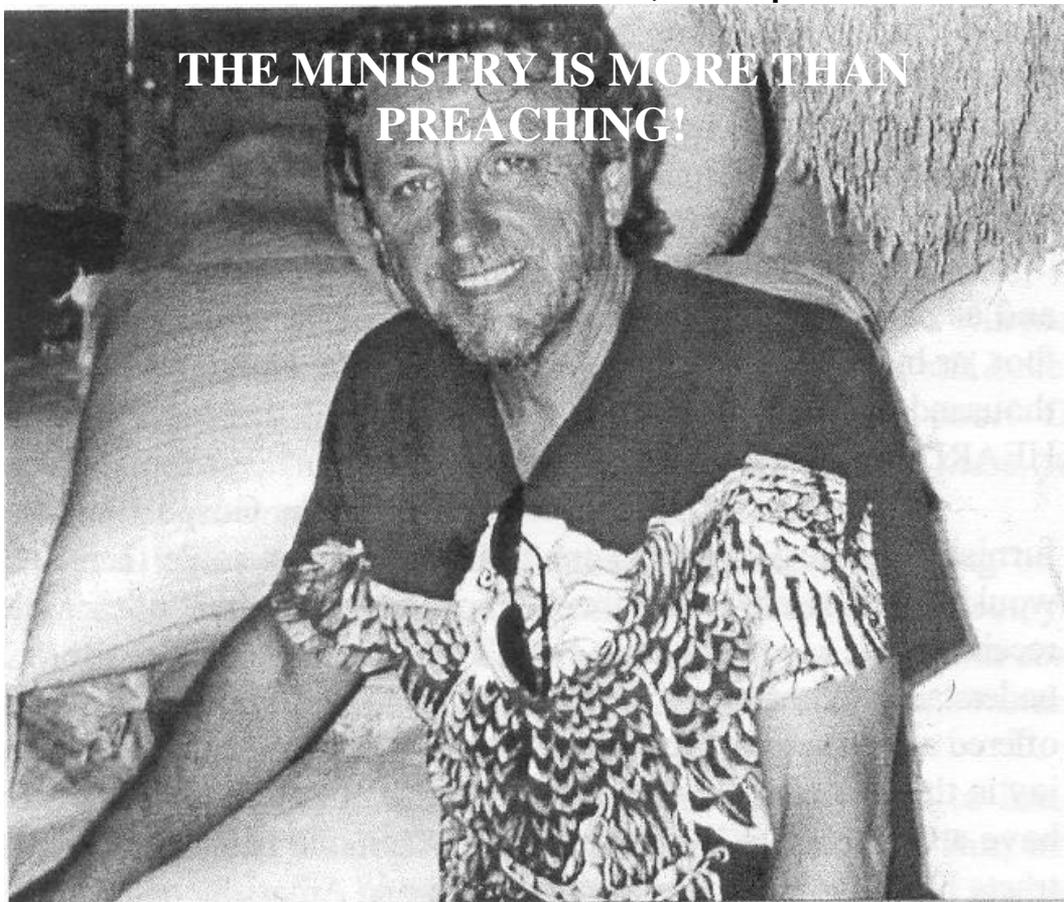
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Truly, this is the hour in which we must earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints!

Don't be deceived dear one! Search the scriptures! Make your calling and election sure!

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