

The Practice of Restoration

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Review

In the New Testament we see ONE church made up of ALL THE SAVED following CHRIST as their only HEAD. No organization existed above the local body of Christians.

Throughout history, men disregarded the Bible and/or went beyond Biblical teaching to change the simple organization, doctrine, and practices of the New Testament church until there are now thousands of denominations.

In a movement to restore the unity of the church, some proposed a principle of teaching and practicing only what is found in the New Testament.

When people PRACTICED the PRINCIPLE, they...

left man-made _____

Methodist General Conference of America
Presbyterian Synod of Kentucky
Springfield Presbytery

changed man-made _____

Baptists, Presbyterians, Methodists, etc. began to call
themselves _____ or _____.

renounced man-made _____

Sprinkling vs. Immersion
“Worship” vs. authorized worship
Occasional observance of communion vs. weekly
Hierarchical organization vs. local autonomy
Clergy/laity vs. all just Christians

disbanded whole denominational _____ and organizations

The PRACTICE of Restoration proved to be...

_____ ,
sometimes a _____ ,

and sometimes a _____ .

Considering the PRACTICE of Restoration...

The goals of unity and restoration seem to be
_____ in _____
but _____ in _____ .

Consider the effects of:

2000 years of error
Lack of interest in restoration
Love of tradition and fear of change
The difficulty of change

Seeking truth
Desiring Unity
Maturity
Humility