

# To Restore Or Not To Restore ?

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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 the principle was put into practice much progress was made, but it did not significantly affect the division and disunity that existed.

### Our question today:

**If it doesn't produce unity, should we still pursue restoration?**

Some have answered NO!

## We Should Continue Pursuing Restoration...

**1. IF GOD** \_\_\_\_\_

John 17:20,21

The restoration principle is the only viable method.

**2. IF GOD** \_\_\_\_\_

The Bible contains all \_\_\_\_\_. *2 Peter 1:3*

God's \_\_\_\_\_ is always \_\_\_\_\_.

Israel wanted Kings. Christians wanted hierarchies.

God has always been \_\_\_\_\_ about His \_\_\_\_\_.

Nadab & Abihu (Num. 3:4) Uzzah (1 Chron. 13:7)

## We Should Not Pursue Restoration...

**1. IF WE focus only on the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Matt. 23:23*

**2. IF WE focus only on \_\_\_\_\_ of the week.**

**3. IF WE seek to restore the church of \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.**

**4. IF WE become \_\_\_\_\_ of a \_\_\_\_\_ restoration.**

**5. IF WE try to \_\_\_\_\_ people to the \_\_\_\_\_,  
instead of to \_\_\_\_\_.**