

# How Do We Decide What Is Essential ?

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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.

We should pursue the principle of restoration for the sake of unity and obedience.

### **A Restoration Movement Slogan**

In essentials, unity;

In non-essentials, liberty;

In all things, love.

### **A Restoration Movement Reality**

Those practicing the restoration principle could not unify because they would not agree on what was essential.

## What Is Essential For Salvation ?

1. **Heb. 11:6** Believe \_\_\_\_\_ .

2. **Jn. 4:15, 5:1** Believe \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ .

3. **1 Cor. 15:2-8** Believe Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ for our \_\_\_\_\_ .

4. **Matt. 16:24-25** \_\_\_\_\_ .

5. **Acts 2:38** \_\_\_\_\_ .

6. **Acts 2:38** Be \_\_\_\_\_ .

7. **Rom. 10:9** \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.

8. **1 Jn 3:4** \_\_\_\_\_ each other.

## What Is Essential For Unity ?

1. **1 Cor. 1:10** \_\_\_\_\_ so that there are no \_\_\_\_\_ and we may be \_\_\_\_\_ .

2. **Phil. 2:1-4** be \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
be one in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
in \_\_\_\_\_ .

3. **Rom. 14:1** don't judge \_\_\_\_\_ matters.

4. **Rom. 14:19** make every effort for \_\_\_\_\_ .