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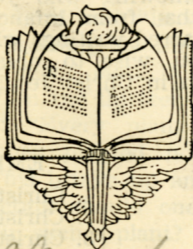
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**THE CHURCH OF
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According to the
**NEW TESTAMENT
SCRIPTURES**



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THE PURPOSE OF THE RESTORATION MOVEMENT

This statement suggests that there are certain important elements lacking in the religious denominations of today and that it is necessary to restore those elements.

The chief features in the Restoration plea are the following:

1. The acknowledgment of the New Testament Scriptures as the only authoritative rule of faith and practice for Christians.

2. The renouncing of all human creeds and the acceptance of Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, as the only creed binding upon members of the church of Christ.

3. The restoration of the New Testament church, with its ordinances and life as originally practiced in apostolic times.

But do you cling to the things which you have learned and of which you are convinced, knowing who your teachers were, and that from infancy you have known the sacred writings which are able to make you wise to obtain salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. II Tim. 3: 14, 15.

THE RESTORATION MOVEMENT

EMBRACES

1. Christ's Book
2. Christ's Creed
3. Christ's Church
4. Unity of Christ's Followers

EXCLUDES

1. Human Teachings
2. Human Creeds
3. Human Ecclesiastisms
4. Sectarian Divisions

HOW DO WE GET SALVATION?

For alien sinners, the terms of the great commission are binding as follows:

1. Hearing the Gospel preached. Rom. 10:14.
2. Believing on Christ. John 20:30, 31.
3. Repenting of past sins. Acts 17:30; 2:38.
4. Confess Christ. Rom. 10:10.
5. Being baptized. Mark 16:16.

Receiving the remission of sins, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:38.

Nothing more nor less is required by Christ for admission into His church, the body of Christ.

6. A faithful Christian life. Acts 2:42.

This procedure alone will not put anyone into any sectarian church. It requires something more than the Bible to induce men to join any of the 25 man-established churches. Our Lord said, "In vain do they worship me, teaching as their doctrines the precepts of men." Matt. 15:9. What will be the result? In the thirteenth verse, Jesus speaking: "Every plant which my heavenly Father planted not, shall be rooted up." This brings up another question. What action should one take who finds himself in such a plant? The apostle Paul said: "But even if we or an angel from heaven preach unto you any gospel other than that which we preached unto you let him be accursed." Gal. 1:8. Does this refer to spiritual Babylon? The 257 varieties of the present day? A warning from Rev. 18:4: "I heard another voice from heaven saying come forth my people out of her that ye have no fellowship with her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."

New Testament Church Established A. D. 33

Founder	Jesus Christ	Foundation: Jesus Christ	Isa. 28:16; Matt 16:18; Eph. 2:19, 20; I Pet. 2: 4-6; I Cor. 3:11.
	Matt. 16:18		

**The
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zation
Consists of
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1:1.**

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Officers: Elders—I Tim. 3:1-7. Deac
Members: Baptized believers—Mark

Name	Of Organi- zation	Of Mem- bers	Authority for the Name Christian	Church of God—Acts 20:28 I Tim. 3:5. Church of the Living God— Body of Christ—Col. 1:24; The Church of Christ—Rom
				Isa. 62:2; Ac I Pet. 4:16. Acts 15:13-17 Dan. 9:19; E

Creed	Jesus Christ	Apostles' Creed—Matt. 16: Importance of Confessing Examples of Confessing C Unchangeableness of Cre
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Communion	Instituted—Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 4:22, 23; Importance of—John 6:48-58; I Cor. 10:1 When to be observed—Acts 20:7. Self-examination before taking—I Cor. Results of partaking unworthily—I Cor.
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Rule of Faith and Practice	Word of God	To be used in conversion of 16; Matt. 28:19, 20. Sufficiency for church gov Seed of the Kingdom—Luk Sword of the Spirit—Eph.
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Purpose	Preach the Gospel—Mk. 16:15. { Make Disciples—Matt. 28:19. { Teaching Them—Matt. 28:20. {
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Discipline	The New Testament	The only Rule of Faith an Sinfulness of Human Legi
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Unity: Acts 4:32; Eph. 4:3-6. W

(Please Read Me Daily)

PROPER DIVISION OF THE WORD

(II Timothy 2:15)

The first four books of the New Testament are designed to present the evidences, "that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name."

The fifth book, Acts of Apostles, tells those who believe in Jesus how to become Christians. In this book, the Holy Spirit, speaking through inspired men, answers the question, "SIRS, WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?"

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THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH

Any religious organization which began either before or after the day of Pentecost, did not begin when Jesus said it should begin. Moreover, if any system of religion did not begin in Jerusalem, it did not begin where Jesus said the salvation which is from the Jews should begin. You remember that He said unto them, "Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, according to the Scriptures; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations beginning at Jerusalem." Luke 24: 46, 47.

The Church of Christ was perfectly established at the right time and place by Jewish leadership under the influence of the Holy Spirit. Acts 1:8.

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

in the Church of Christ is patterned after New Testament teaching. John 4:23, 24.

1. Assemble together. Heb. 10:25, to break bread. Acts 20:7.
2. Pray. I Cor. 14:15; I Thess. 5:17.
3. Sing. Eph. 5:19.
4. Bible study. II Tim. 2:15.
5. Offering as God hath prospered him. I Cor. 16: 1-3.

COMMUNION WITH CHRIST

The Lord's Supper is for every person who has put on Christ according to the Scriptures, and is keeping the faith.

The Possibility of Christian Unity

The platform for the unity of Christians is based upon one body, animated by one spirit, cherishing one hope, looking to one Lord by one faith practicing one baptism.

We should be careful how we handle the Word of God (II Tim. 2:15) and not add to, nor subtract from, but be satisfied with a "thus saith the Lord."

Bible baptism is the dividing line between the world, the kingdom of Satan; and the church, the kingdom of Christ.

Baptized "Into" Christ

We believe unto righteousness. Rom. 10:10.

We repent unto life Acts 11:18. We confess unto salvation Rom. 10:10; and we are baptized **into** Christ Gal. 3:27. We are baptized **into** to obtain the remission of sins Acts 2:38. Let us discard the opinions of men and take the Bible only as our standard of appeal.

It will take something more than the Bible to prove that there are different modes of baptism, or that it is non-essential.

Have You Been Baptized?

WHAT SOME PREACHERS SAY ABOUT BAPTISM

1. John Calvin—Presbyterian.

The word "baptize" signifies to immerse. It is certain that immersion was the practice of the primitive church.

2. Martin Luther—Lutheran.

Baptism is a Greek word, and may be translated immerse. I would have those who are to be baptized to be altogether dipped.

3. John Wesley—Methodist.

Buried with Him by baptism—alluding to the ancient manner of baptizing by immersion.

4. Wall—Episcopalian.

Immersion was in all probability the way in which our blessed Saviour, and for

certain the way by which the ancient Christians received their baptism.

5. Brenner—Catholic.

For thirteen hundred years was baptism an immersion of the person under water.

6. Macknight—Presbyterian.

In baptism the baptized person is buried under the water. Christ submitted to be baptized; that is, to be buried under water.

7. Whitfield—Methodist.

It is certain that the word of our text, Romans 6:4, alludes to the manner of baptizing by immersion.

The Bible alone is the only sufficient guide for the faith and practice for Christians. II Tim. 3:16, 17.

Jesus said to those Jews that had believed Him: If ye abide in my word then are ye truly my disciples, and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. John 8:31, 32. The things which thou hast heard from me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. II Tim. 2:2. No opinions of men.

When opinions are elevated to the rank of faith, great mischief is the result. No power can ever make men of one opinion, but all should be of one faith. Eph. 4:5. Faith comes by hearing the word of God. Rom. 10:17.

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