

THE RESTORATION MOVEMENT HAS CHANGED...IT NEEDS RESTORED, TOO!

We Have Changed:

1. From Bible based unity to ecumenical unity. (The unity of the Spirit has been traded for the Spirit of unity.)
2. From the Bible as the authority to pragmatism. (From "What does God say to 'does it work'?")
3. From the leadership of local autonomy to denominational polity. (A staff-led, one-man Pastor system who is often under great influence of para-church organizations with an agenda to denominationalize the Church has replaced the evangelist and elders mutual ministry.)
4. Christ's terms of pardon to mere denominational jargon of recent years. (From people being baptized **INTO** Christ for the remission of sins, to inviting Jesus **INTO** your heart. I.e. from the Son of man's plan to the plans of the sons of men.)
5. From the Great Commission to reach a dying lost world, to meeting the felt needs and giving advice for a fulfilled life to the un-churched. Pop-psychology replaces the answers only Christ can give.
6. Preaching "what God demands" to "what men want to hear".
7. The Doctrines of Christ and His Apostles to "Just give me Jesus".
8. From being a "People of the Book" to following the latest fads and message of well-known household named preachers made popular by the secular media and denominational magazines.



9. The Holy and reverent congregational worship of God into a spectator sport of watching musicians and singers whose music, appearance, and gyrations would fit better on "America's Got Talent".

10. Our vocabulary of 'Calling Bible Things by Bible Names' and 'Speaking as the oracles of God' to the language of Ashdod (Part God's language, part denominational jargon).
11. The ordinances of Christ, (Baptism and the Lord's Supper) to mere formality and convenience.

We are not regarding baptism for the remission of sins being done "the same hour of the night" but saving our baptisms up for a mass-baptism on special days.

We no longer gather together in one place on the First day of the week with the express purpose to partake of Jesus' own self-appointed memorial but regulate it to a side room or even remove it lest we offend the visiting un-churched or sectarians that visit us. (**I Corinthians 11:20, Acts 20:7**)

12. From suffering for Christ as faithful soldiers of Christ to being AWOL when the Army gathers for inspection and the call to duty.
13. From the plea to **restore** the New Testament Church to the plea to **customize** the Church to our times.
14. Our emphasis from converting souls to get ready for Heaven to seeing great numbers of people in our Church pews.
15. From women learning in silence and in all subjection to women teaching men and having roles of leadership in the Church over the men. **I Corinthians 14, II Timothy 2**