

## The Restoration Principle In Scriptures

**Restoration-1.** The act of restoring a person or thing to a former place or condition; 2. The bringing back of a building or work of art as nearly as may be to its original state; (*Britannica World Language Dictionary*, p. 1117)

### I. The Restoration Principle During The Time Of Josiah

2 Kings 22:8-12 Then Hilkiyah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, "I have found the Book of the Law in the house of the LORD." And Hilkiyah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it. 9 So Shaphan the scribe went to the king, bringing the king word, saying, "Your servants have gathered the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of those who do the work, who oversee the house of the LORD." 10 Then Shaphan the scribe showed the king, saying, "Hilkiyah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read it before the king. 11 Now it happened, when the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, that he tore his clothes.

2 Kings 22:13 "Go, inquire of the LORD for me, for the people and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that has been found; for great is the wrath of the LORD that is aroused against us, because our fathers have not obeyed the words of this book, to do according to all that is written concerning us."

2 Kings 23:1-3 Now the king sent them to gather all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem to him. 2 The king went up to the house of the LORD with all the men of Judah, and with him all the inhabitants of Jerusalem — the priests and the prophets and all the people, both small and great. And he read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant which had been found in the house of the LORD. 3 Then the king stood by a pillar and made a covenant before the LORD, to follow the LORD and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes, with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people took a stand for the covenant.

2 Kings 23:21-22 Then the king commanded all the people, saying, "Keep the Passover to the LORD your God, as it is written in this Book of the Covenant." 22 Such a Passover surely had never been held since the days of the judges who judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel and the kings of Judah.

"Johann Gutengerg (1400-1468) began to pioneer with movable metal type at Mainz in Germany, and significantly —the first complete book know to have been printed in the Christian world was the Bible (1456)...Thus printing helped prepare the way for the Reformation." (*The History Of Christianity*, Fortress Press, pp. 358-359)

"The most important contribution of Erasmus of Rotterdam (1467-1536) to the history of the church was his epoch-making edition of the Greek New Testament (the first ever published) which was printed at Basle in 1516—the year before the Reformation began." (*The History Of Christianity*, Fortress Press, p. 365)

"In 1521 Martin Luther translated the New Testament into German, so that the Bible might be read by all." (*The History Of Christianity*, Fortress Press, pp. 368-369)

"It was clear that England was no safe place to translate the Bible, so Tyndale left for Europe, never to return. By early 1525 his New Testament was ready for the press." (*The History Of Christianity*, Fortress Press, p. 398)

## II. The Restoration Principle As Taught By Jesus

**Matt 19:3-8** The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?" 4 And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' 5 and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? 6 So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate." 7 They said to Him, "Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?" 8 He said to them, "Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so."

**Matthew 10:38** And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

**Ephesians 4:20-24** But you have not so learned Christ, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

## III. The Restoration Principle As Taught Through The Apostle Paul

**1 Corinthians 11:17-18** Now in giving these instructions I do not praise you, since you come together not for the better but for the worse. 18 For first of all, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you, and in part I believe it.

**1 Corinthians 11:23-26** For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; 24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." 25 In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

**1 Corinthians 11:20** Therefore when you come together in one place, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper.

**Hebrews 2:12** saying: "I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You."

"Hymn singing is the earliest recorded musical activity of Christian Church."... "The early church excluded instrumental music from public worship."... "The organ does not seem to have been used regularly with the choir in Mass much before the thirteenth century."

*(The History Of Western Music, Donald Grout, pp. 13, 26, 64)*

"The rejection of all musical instruments for Christian worship is consistent among the Fathers. They were associated with pagan, orgiastic rites."

*(The New Catholic Encyclopedia, "History of Sacred Music," X:106)*

"The primitive Christian community held the same view, as we know from the apostolic and post-apostolic literature: instrumental music was thought unfit for religious services; the Christian sources are quite outspoken in their condemnation of instrumental performances. Originally, only song was considered worthy of direct approach to Divinity."

*(New Oxford History of Music, "The Music of Post-Biblical Judaism, I:135)*

#### IV. The Restoration Principle As Taught Through The Apostle John

Revelation 2:4-5 Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. 5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place — unless you repent.

Acts 20:30 Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.

Philippians 1:1 Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

1 Timothy 3:1-2 This is a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work. 2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach;

1 Timothy 3:12-13 Let deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. 13 For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 8:36-37 Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?" 37 Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may."

Romans 6:4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.