

Restoration Principle
2 Kings 22:13

Introduction:

1. There is a show on HGTV called “Rehab Addict”. The entire show is a girl who finds old houses and restores them to the way they were originally made. It takes her many days and effort to try and get a house back to the era from which it belongs. I know many different people who are into restoring things back to the original. If you talk with them, they need it perfect they do not settle for second best...
2. How much more in the Lord’s church should we settle for nothing more than the best in restoring first century Christianity? I even have a hard time calling it first century Christianity but calling it New Testament Christianity.
3. Jesus in talking to his disciples in a parable calls the people of this world more shrewd for worldly things than children of light are for spiritual things, we need to spend as much effort in restoring the NT church as people do in restoring things back to their original.
4. The main points:
 - A. What does it mean to restore?
 - B. How is one to restore?
 - C. What is so important about the original?

Discussion:

I. What does it mean to restore?

- A. Restore: to bring something back to an earlier and better condition
 1. The Church established on Pentecost was perfect
 2. The NT church was meant to be modeled (Matt 16:18; Acts 2:39-47; Rom 6:17)
- B. To look at something and realize that it is no longer what it once was
 1. The NT church was unified and had no division or at least was commanded to have no division (Eph. 4:1-6, 11-16)

II. How is one to restore?

- A. The purpose of restoring is to get back to the blueprints.
 1. One needs the blueprints to be able to restore (Illustration: A contractor building a building needs the blueprints, if he does not have them then he cannot give the owner what he wants...something like that)
 2. The Bible is that blueprint (2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Peter 3:14-16; 1 Cor. 2:6-17; Jude 3; 2 Peter 1:3-4; 2 Thess. 2:14; Rom 1:16)
- B. Josiah found the book of the Law
 1. When he found and read the law, he tore his clothes, fearing the wrath of God (2 Kings 22:11-13)
 - a. His fear came because → 2 Kings 22:13
 - b. He knew God was a God of wrath (Dt. 29:23-28)
 - c. He wanted to do “all” according to the law of the Lord
 - d. This is why Josiah got such great compliments (2 Kings 22:2)
 2. So how did Josiah restore?
 - a. He gathered everybody together and read all the words of the book of the covenant (2 Kings 23:1-2)
 - b. He made a covenant with God and the people to keep God’s commandments, His testimonies, and His statutes with all his heart (2 Kings 23:3)

- c. Then He gets rid of all that was wrong with their worship by cleansing the temple and got rid of false worship(2 Kings 23:4-20)
 - d. Then begins the start of trying to follow the law (2 Kings 23:21-23)
 3. Josiah was therefore found to be faithful (2 Kings 23:25)
- III. What is so important about the Bible?
- A. It is from God (2 Timothy 3:16; Acts 10:36)
 - B. We are blessed when we are obedient (James 1:25)
 - C. The word of God is:
 1. Powerful (Hebrews 4:12-13)
 2. Able to cleanse (Psalm 119:9)
 3. Capable of purifying the soul (1 Peter 1:22)
 4. Able to build one up (Acts 20:32-33)
 5. Able to convert (Matthew 13:15)
 6. Perfect (James 1:25)
 7. Complete (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
 8. Enduring (Matthew 24:35)
 - D. We have been commanded to follow the Bible and nothing else
 1. John 14:15
 2. 2 Peter 3:2
 3. Philippians 2:16
 4. 2 Timothy 1:13
 5. 2 Timothy 3:14
 6. 2 Thessalonians 2:15
 7. Jude 3

Conclusion:

1. To restore is to get back to the original
2. The church of the New Testament was the perfect model for us to follow
3. The only way to find out what the perfect model was, is to get into the word of God
4. People of this world should no longer be called more shrewd than the children of light, let's be a people who are shrewd for the growth of the church and continually restoring the church back to the blueprint of God