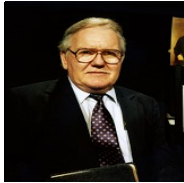


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## IS RESTORATIONISM (“CHURCH OF CHRIST”, CAMPBELLISM) A CULT?



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*A “Cult” is a counterfeit of  
the true faith of the Bible.*

### Characteristics of a cult:

1. Leaders appear as “*Angels of light*” (2 Cor. 11:14), meaning messengers of truth and wisdom.
2. A cult teaches “*another doctrine*” about Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and the Gospel (2 Cor. 11:14; Gal. 1:6-9).
3. Cults **invariably** teach forms of **salvation by works**, yet claim to be teaching God’s grace, in fact, they are denying God’s grace (Titus 1:16; Jude 4).
4. Cults **quote the Bible** as an authority, but “wrest” it, misinterpret it, add to it, and take from it (Mark 7:7-9; Col. 2:30-22; Jer. 23:36; 2 Peter 3:16).
5. Cults thrive on **proselytism** and glory in those they proselyte (Matt. 23:15; Gal. 6:13; 2 Peter 2:3).
6. Cults **discredit** the truth, the gospel, the church, and everyone but themselves. “No doubt but ye are the people, and wisdom shall die with you” (Job 12:2; Matt. 23:1-33; 2 Peter 2:2).
7. Cult **leaders** are usually **strongly dominant** over their followers, yet the followers are blind to their own bondage — “*blind leaders of the blind*” (Matt. 15:14; 2 Cor. 4:3, 4).

Sometimes a Christian gets side-tracked into a cult; if such is the case with any who reads these lines, may God give you the grace to see through the **false doctrine** of **Restorationism** and be delivered (Acts 20:29, 30).

### What is the “Restoration Movement”?

Lynn Anderson, minister, Highland Church of Christ, Abilene, Texas: “*The Church of Christ is a big, sick, denomination.*” (*Memphis Meeting*, Vol. 1 p. 37).

Alan Highers, deacon, Getwell Church of Christ, Memphis, Tenn. (formerly minister of the church): “You (referring to Mr. Anderson) are talking about *The Church* as a whole, the **Restoration Movement.**” (*Memphis Meeting*, Vol. 1, p. 37).

So, according to **Mr. Highers**, the associate of

Garland Elkins and Thomas Warren, editors of the *Spiritual Sword* magazine published by the Getwell church’s elders, “**The Church is the Restoration Movement.**”

### Who Were the Leaders of the “Restoration Movement”?

#### 1. Thomas Campbell:

“Thomas Campbell’s famous *Declaration and Address* stated in no uncertain terms **the principles** upon which such **restoration** should rest.” *The Spiritual Sword*, July, ‘73, p. 15.

#### 2. Alexander Campbell:

“Alexander Campbell, son of Thomas, became even more prolific in speaking of ‘the laws of the kingdom,’ as seen in *Christianity Restored* and the *Millennial Harbinger.*” *The Spiritual Sword*, July, ‘73, p. 15.

#### 3. Barton W. Stone:

“The men making the plea — among them ...Barton W. Stone, a Presbyterian.” *The Spiritual Sword*, July, ‘70, p. 42

#### 4. Walter Scott:

“Pioneer preachers as ...Walter Scott.” *The Spiritual Sword*, July, ‘73, p. 6

These are the four primary “founding fathers” of the Restoration movement, none of whom ever obeyed the “ancient gospel” which was supposedly restored on November 18, 1827 when Walter Scott baptized William Amend (see *Life of Elder Walter Scott* by William Baxter, p. 108).

### Significant Dates and Events in the “Restoration Movement” as Revealed In Restoration Writings:

We refer to nothing here but what can be found in the writings of the Restorationists who claim to “*speak where the Bible speaks.*” etc.

**1807** - Thomas Campbell comes to America and is assigned by the Presbyterian Church Synod to minister in western Pennsylvania. (*Memoirs of Alexander Campbell*, Vol. 1, pp. 85, 88).

**1809** - Thomas Campbell is censured by the Presbyterian Synod. (*Ibid.*, Vol. 1 p. 225).

**1809** - Thomas Campbell forms the “Christian Association of Washington” (Pa.) in promoting Christian union.” (*Ibid.*, Vol. 1, p. 241).

**1809** - Thomas Campbell writes *Declaration and Address* as “Constitution” of his new Association, and it became an embryonic **creed** of the “Restoration Movement.” (*Ibid.*, Vol. 1, pp. 241, 242).

**1810** - Thomas Campbell requests Presbyterian Synod to receive the “Christian Association” into “Christian and ministerial communion,” but is refused. (*Ibid.*, Vol. 1, pp. 330, 331).

**1811** - Thomas Campbell decides that the Association “*should assume the character of an*

*independent church ... he finally concluded to take this step ...he felt it to be his duty to organize an independent community.*” Thus, on May 4, 1811, Campbell assembled his followers “*for the purpose of organization.*” (*Ibid.*, Vol. 1, pp. 365, 366).

**1811** - Organizational meeting held at Brush Run. Thomas Campbell was appointed as Elder; Alexander was licensed to preach; four deacons selected; had communion service; Alexander preached; Thomas preached. “*Thus there was formally established a distinct religious community.*” (*Ibid.*, Vol. 1, pp. 367-369).

**1811** - July 4th, Thomas Campbell “*stood on a root*” in Buffalo Creek and immersed a few followers and thus became “*the first to introduce immersion*” in the movement (then called the “*reformatory movement*”). (*Ibid.*, Vol. 1, pp. 372, 373).

**1812** - June 12: The Campbells and the Hanens (seven persons in all) are immersed by Matthias Luce, a Baptist preacher, in Buffalo Creek. This was nearly 15 years before the practice of “*baptism in order to obtain the remission of sins*” was supposedly “*restored*” by Walter Scott, Nov. 18, 1827. (*Ibid.*, Vol. 1, pp. 396-398; Vol. 2, p. 212).

**1813** - The “*First Church of the Christian Association*” applies to the Redstone Baptist Association for “*union*” and after “*much debate*” the “*union was formed*”. (*Ibid.*, Vol. 1 pp. 391, 438-441).

**1816** - A. Campbell preaches heresies on the Law at Redstone Association. (*Ibid.*, Vol. 1, p. 471).

**1820** - Alexander Campbell debates with John Walker, Presbyterian, and defends Baptist name, doctrine and history. (see *Campbell-Walker Debate*).

**1823** - August: A. Campbell learns that the Baptists are on the verge of expelling him from the Redstone Association; Brush Run church dismisses several members with Alexander in order to form new church at Wellsburg to escape expulsion by Redstone Association. (*Ibid.*, Vol. 2, pp. 69, 70).

**1823** - October: Alexander Campbell debates with W. L. McCalla and for the first time introduces the theory of “*baptism in order to the remission of sins*”, but is still identifying himself with the Baptists (see *Campbell-McCalla Debate*, pp. 124, 338, 339, 345; *Campbell-Rice Debate*, p. 473).

**1827** - Walter Scott “*arranges*” the “*ancient gospel*” and makes “*experiments*” with it; baptizes William Amend on November 18, 1827 and claims to have restored the gospel. (see *Life of Elder Walter Scott* by Baxter, Chapter VI; *Memoirs of Alexander Campbell*, Vol. 2, pp. 208-220).

**1832** - Union of Campbell’s “*Disciples*” with Barton Stone’s “*Christians*”. (*Memoirs of Alexander Campbell*, Vol. 2, Chapter XI).

**1849** - The Missionary Society “*digression*” with

*“exhort in sound doctrine and refute those who contradict” (Titus 1:9)*

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*The Gospel in Brief*

There is one, and only one, eternal, true God, almighty, all-knowing, and good. He created everything by His word. God has told us the truth about Himself in the word He has given us, the Bible, which He commands us to obey. God is compassionate and just to all. God is pure and Holy; sin is destroyed in His presence. However, we have all sinned, falling short in the evil we do, and the good we fail to do. Yet our problem is not just what we do, but also who we are; we are selfish, corrupt, and estranged from God. Because God is just, He will punish sin impartially, yet God still bestows his love to all men. So our Savior, Jesus, the only begotten Son of God (the God-man, John 1:14), was graciously sent to suffer and die on the cross for our sins and to purify us from all unrighteousness by the sacrifice of His body and blood. He was born of the virgin Mary, lived a sinless life, and was physically raised from the dead and ascended into heaven. Jesus will physically return to judge the world. God commands everyone to repent and to believe in Him. God's Spirit lives in each of us who believe in Him to guide us into truth, convict us of our sins, and to work in us to sanctify us to live a more holy life, pleasing our Lord. God's children will dwell forever with God, and those who reject Jesus will suffer eternal torment. There is no other way for anyone to come to God except through Jesus (Jn. 14:6). Please do not depend on anyone else, your own efforts, your religion, but simply put your faith in Christ our Master. So as Rom. 10:9 says, "That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart the God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." You are urged not to despise God's mercy but call out to the Lord and trust **ONLY** in Him. (See also Acts 10:36-43)



We are pleased to bring you another newsletter by God's grace and I am particularly pleased to share with our readers the fine work of Bob L. Ross. Bob Ross, in my opinion, is the foremost living authority on the "Church of Christ" movement, which is also known as Campbellism or Restorationism. Bob, besides being an author and researcher is the director of Pilgrim Publications, which includes the Pilgrim bookstore located in Pasadena, Texas. His ministry also includes being one of the world's leading publishers and distributors of the works of the "Prince of Preachers," Charles Haddon Spurgeon. It has been my great pleasure to work with Bob personally for years on our

Larry Wessels television series entitled "Pilgrim Publications Presents." Many of the videos and audio tapes concerning the "Church of Christ" which we offer in our resource list and in this newsletter (see page 6) come from the Pilgrim television series. Bob has been a guest on our *Christian Answers Live* radio show as well.

Bob Ross has not only written more books on the Campbellite religious movement than anyone I know but he has been in more public and televised debates with "Church of Christ" preachers than anyone I know. Bob has done a great job over and over again defending the faith in public forums against Campbellite heretics who would pervert the gospel with works righteousness (Gal. 2:16, 21; Gal. 5:4). In fact, one of my favorite Bob Ross debates concerns the strange Campbellite view of the work of the Holy Spirit (AC-238-250, 13 hours, see page 6) with "Church of Christ" preacher David Brown. You will be amazed by what the Holy Spirit cannot do if you can believe what David Brown says. This anti-Biblical view of the work of the Holy Spirit is held by many professing "Church of Christ" people.

Another Bob Ross video entitled, "Introduction to Controversy" (VT-71, 2 hrs.) shows an assortment of highlighted cable access shows which lead up to a debate advertised city-wide. Debate fireworks are assured when Bob L. Ross steps into the ring. I'll say one thing for hard-line Campbellites, they definitely believe in debating whether they can prove their point or not!

It should be clearly understood that not all "Church of Christ" people and churches are exactly the same in doctrine and the Christian evangelist must be discerning as to what he's dealing with in each individual case. Many "Church of Christ" organizations are the typical expressions of the Campbellite "restorers" with their doctrines of works righteousness and of course water baptism being essential for salvation but others are breaking away from this (see Bob's article on page 5).

As I've stated in many of our television and radio programs, "Church of Christ" followers who are truly committed to Campbellite doctrine and beliefs, are simply not saved people. They are trusting in their water baptism and the works they do on behalf of Christ to eventually achieve salvation. True Campbellites are religious people who have not been born again by the Spirit (John 3:3-8) but are good at going through the religious motions thus I've compared them to the heretics found in Galatians. The Christian evangelist and apologist must realize this and be ready to refute these modern-day Judaizers with "Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the Gospel"

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WHAT IS CHRISTIAN ANSWERS

Our ministry name is derived in part from 1 Peter 3:15 which states, "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." (NIV). This is the goal of *CHRISTIAN ANSWERS* in an increasingly anti-Christian society here in America and throughout the world.

The Biblical commands to "fight the good fight of faith" (1 Tim. 6:12), to be "set for the defence of the gospel" (Phil. 1:17), to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3), to "be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict" (Titus 1:9), to "put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not" (Rev. 2:2), to "Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves." (Matt. 7:15), to "examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good" (1 Thess. 5:21), "with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth" (2 Tim. 2:25), to follow the example of Paul and Apollos who "vigorously refuted the Jews in public debate, proving from the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ." (Acts 18:28). These are but a few of the marching orders for the call to ministry, discernment and evangelism.

The inerrant Word of God (2 Tim. 3:16-17) whereby the gospel is preached, which is "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth" (Rom. 1:16), is the weapon of our evangelism. As Hebrews 4:12 states, "For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." This is the evangelical missionary methodology of *CHRISTIAN ANSWERS* — to bring the Biblical perspective to a culture that is almost completely ignorant of it. To bring Christian truth, Christian answers to those who, as the prophet Isaiah said, have made "lies...and falsehoods" their refuge (Isa. 28:15). To smash lies and falsehoods with the "hammer" of God's Word (Jer. 23:29).

*CHRISTIAN ANSWERS* utilizes all outreach that God allows us including television, radio, audio cassettes, video tapes, speaking engagements, and the printed page. The materials we have been able to produce have been used by churches, Bible teachers, Christian apologists, laymen and others as well as those seeking life in Jesus Christ.

We are not afraid to stand up for Jesus Christ in public forums or wherever the Lord leads. Of course this type of ministry is not for the faint of heart and very often leads to the same type of suffering and persecution that we find in the book of Acts. But as the old saying goes, "one life will soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last," and as Paul said, "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 3:14). Amen!

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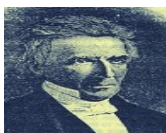
**Important Point:** None of the four (T. Campbell, A. Campbell, Stone, Scott) was ever baptized AFTER Scott's "restoration." They had all claimed to be saved before their immersions. Hence all the "restorers" were lost men, according to present-day Restoration Movement teaching about water baptism.

Alexander Campbell as President (*History of the Church* by Brumback, p. 376).

1860 - Instrumental music "digression" at Midway, Kentucky (*The Spiritual Sword*," Oct. '78, p. 20).

1906 - "Churches of Christ" listed separately from "Christian Church" in United States Census (*The Disciples of Christ* by Garrison and Degroot, p. 404).

**Twentieth Century** — There have been continuing controversies in the "Restoration Movement" over institutionalism, schools, sponsoring arrangements, orphan homes, benevolent work, classes, cups, hats and nearly a hundred "issues" especially the issue of divorce and remarriage. (*Gospel Guardian*," May 2, '74, p. 6).



### Alexander Campbell: Head of the "Church of Christ"

When Alexander Campbell went overseas in 1847, Henry Clay of Kentucky, who had moderated the Campbell-Rice Debate in 1843, wrote a letter of recommendation for Campbell to use for "introduction" in foreign lands. In the letter Mr. Clay referred to Campbell as —

*"The head and founder of one of the most important and respectable religious communities in the United States."* (*Memoirs of A.C.*, Vol. 2, p. 548).

Mr. Campbell accepted this letter and used it to the enjoyment of "unusual facilities" on his trip.

If Clay did not tell the truth, then Campbell deliberately used the letter knowing it was not the truth. But Clay is not alone in his opinion of Campbell according to John T. Lewis:

*Campbell was "the head of the reformation."* (*Voice of the Pioneers*, published by the *Gospel Advocate*, p. 47). Woods called Lewis an "authority" (Woods—Cogdill, p. 227).

The "Reformation" is another term for the "Restoration Movement and according to Alan Highers the "Restoration Movement" is the same as the Church as a whole" (*Memphis Meeting*, Vol. 1, p. 37).

Hence, Alexander Campbell was the head of the church.

It's true, the Restorationists do not like to admit this fact, but sometimes they slip up and the truth breaks through.

Here is what others say about Campbell:

**One of our "founding fathers"** — Garrison & Degroot (*History*, p. 180)

**"Master Spirit"** — Robert Richardson (*Memoirs of A.C.*, Vol. 1, p. 402).

**"Regulated the entire movement"** — Richardson (*op. cit.*, Vol. 2, p. 669).

**"Prophet and Leader"** — Restoration Reprint Library catalog, 1968.

**"Restored Church"** — Paul McClung (*"Restoring the New Testament Church,"* p. 7).

**6 "Leader of the Movement"** — H. Leo Boles (*Biographical Sketches*, p. 17).

To illustrate how highly Restorationists regard

Campbell, an article in "*The Spiritual Sword*" of October, 1976 refers to Campbell at least 100 times.

This same magazine calls Campbell a "restoration giant" (SS/April, 1973, p. 33).

Is it any wonder Restorationists are commonly called "Campbellites"? Where would their church be if it had not been for Campbell? If he indeed restored the church, and if salvation is in the church, they owe their salvation to him. "*Men now living are in the debt of Alexander Campbell for having written and preached so faithfully these marvelous truths*" (SS/Oct., '76, p. 29).

**Restorationism and Campbellism are one and the same.**

**Why? Restoration doctrine originates from Campbell.**

### The Baptismal Theory Taught by the Restoration Movement:

*"The Scriptures teach that water baptism is for (in order to obtain) the remission of past sins."*

Acts 2:38 reads as follows:

*"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."* (King James Version).

The Campbellites, following the interpretation of their "master-spirit," contend that the word "for" here means "in order to," or "in order to obtain." The whole watery Campbellite house is built upon this interpretation. They teach that baptism is for (in order to obtain) the literal remission of sins.

### Campbellite Interpretation Refuted

It is not difficult for a born-again believer to understand that baptism has nothing to do with the saving of the soul. The saved person knows Christ as his Saviour and the scores of verses that tell of salvation by grace through faith are just too much for the child of God to overlook.

Faith in Christ is trust in Christ, and trust is an experience of the heart; it is not dead or inoperative. If a man sees, he knows he sees; if a man feels, he knows he feels; if a man hears, he knows he hears; and if a man believes, he knows he believes. This is not "dead faith."

Faith is born of God, therefore is alive. 1 John 5:4.

Faith is born of the Spirit, through the Word of God, John 6:63; 1 Thess. 1:5; Eph. 1:19,20.

Faith is the work of God, John 6:29.

Faith is an act of obedience, 1 John 3:23.

Faith is an act of trust, Eph. 1:13.

Faith is an act of righteousness, Romans 4:5.

Faith works by love, love is of the Spirit, Gal. 5:6

Faith is God's gift, Rom. 12:3; Eph. 2:9, 1:17, 2 Cor. 4:6; 1 Cor. 4:7 Phil. 1:29.

Faith receives Christ, John 1:12; Col. 2:6.

Through faith, one passes from death to life. Jn. 5:24.

**Before one is baptized in obedience to Christ, he is a child of God by obedient faith in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:26.**

Conclusions:

Although God's Law requires perfect obedience, Restorationists teach that men may be saved by less than what is required. (Matt. 5:20; James 2:10; Rom. 10:3, 4; 11:6; Titus 3:5; 2 Cor. 5:21; Phil. 3:9). Imperfect law-keeping is no law-keeping.

Restorationists have an unholy mix of Law and Grace, but in reality have neither Law nor Grace. (Rom. 11:6).

Restorationists frustrate the grace of God (Gal. 2:17-21) and abuse the righteousness required by law (Rom. 2:23).

Restorationism is modern-day Pharisaism, Galatian Judaism; it lowers the standard of

God's law to man's level, rejects the perfect righteousness of Christ provided by grace (Rom. 3:24-26; 10:3, 4), and seeks to establish its own righteousness by corrupt works (Tit. 1:16).

**"Christ is the end of the Law for righteousness to every one that believeth"** — Romans 10:14

### The Restorationists "Plan of Salvation" Which if you will "Obey" You will be Saved in Heaven After this Life is:

Hear + Belief + Repentance + Confession + Baptism + Local Congregation + Lord's Supper on First Day + Giving on First Day + Singing (non-instrumental) + Prayer + Benevolence + Bible Study + No Creed + Bible Name + Second Law of Pardon + Obedience to Elders + Good Morals + No Christians in other Denominations + Scriptural Marriage (if married) + Whatever the Evangelists Preach as the Word of God.

Keep the LAWS to the "Best of Your Ability;" you do not have to be perfect; be sure all your sins are confessed before death; and if your life "favorably corresponds to the truth," God will save you after death.

This is neither Law nor Grace, but the Restorationists distortion of both. It does not meet the requirements of the Law and it does not receive the free gift of God's grace. It is no better than the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, and except your righteousness exceeds it, you will in no wise enter the Kingdom of Heaven (Matt. 5:20).

### What Man's Works Can and Cannot Do

#### Works Cannot:

Save — Eph. 2:8-10; Titus 3:5.

Judicially justify — Rom. 3:27-31; 4:2.

Forgive sin — Rom. 4:6-8.

Receive the Spirit — Gal. 3:2.

Elect — Rom. 9:6; 11:5, 6.

Fulfill Law — Rom. 8:3; James 2:10.

Call — 2 Tim. 1:9.

Regeneration — John 6:63; Titus 3:5.

Obtain Faith — Rom. 9:32

Keep one Saved — 1 Cor. 3:15

#### Works Can:

Manifest Salvation — Mt. 7:20; 12:35.

Demonstratively justify — James 2:18.

Renounce sin — Mt. 5:16.

Walk in the Spirit — Gal. 5:16.

Assure of Election — 1 Th. 1:4-10.

Reveal delight in the Law — Rom. 7:22.

Respond to Calling — 2 Th. 2:14, 15.

Express new life — 2 Cor. 5:17.

Profess Faith — James 2:18.

Keep One's Reward — 1 Cor. 3:14.

Everything has its proper God-ordained purpose, and good works have their "necessary uses" (Titus 3:14). They demonstrate inner love in an outward form (Gal. 5:6). They are an example for others (1 Tim. 2:10). They bring a "good report" (1 Tim. 5:10). They bring glory to God (Mt. 5:16; 1 Peter 2:12).

To make "saviours" of good works is to pervert them and rob the glory due to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.†

#### Musical Instruments Debate

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## QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER CONCERNING BAPTISM



*Q: In Lk. 23:40-43, what does the thief on the cross teach us about water baptism?*

**A:** There are two points to consider.

1. A person in the Church of Christ told me that since they teach one must be baptized with water to be saved, the account of the thief of the cross being with Jesus in paradise bothered him for a long time. But then he concluded, that since the thief would have no opportunity to be baptized, God is certainly understanding of people's situations.

His conclusion is absolutely correct. God is not restricted from saving one who is not baptized with water. While water baptism is something every obedient Christian does if and when they are able, God is not constrained by our circumstances.

If salvation was really dependent upon water baptism by immersion, would that mean that an astronaut in space who suddenly came to Christ could not be saved until he got back to earth? What about a lone Eskimo in the frozen north? What about a traveler lost in the Sahara desert who was dying of thirst? Fortunately, Scripture does not call for a baptizing pool as a requirement for salvation but we are saved through faith ... it is not by works" (Eph. 2:8-9).

2. A second Church of Christ view is that the thief on the cross died prior to Christ's resurrection, and baptism is essential only after the resurrection.

The Apostle Paul teaches in Romans 3:28-30 that there is only one God and therefore only one way of salvation meaning salvation today must correspond to salvation throughout all time (both Old and New Testament). Faith and repentance is found in the Old Testament but certainly water baptism is nowhere to be found. Gal. 2:16 states "... a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith..." however water baptism can rightly thought to be a "work" to be performed in contrast to Abraham (Old Testament) who was saved through **faith** before the Law or works such as circumcision (Rom. 4:1-5, 9-11, 16, 23, 5:2) or David (Old Testament) who was justified by **faith** after the Law (Rom. 4:6-8). Similarly, men are saved by faith and repentance after Christ's resurrection in the New Testament as well (Acts 20:21). The Campbellite interpretation of **justification by baptism** is simply unscriptural and false.

Furthermore, around 400 A.D., during the time of Ambrose, Augustine, and Prosper of Auquaintain, the opinion became common that baptized babies who die go to heaven, and unbaptized babies who die go to hell. "Coincidentally" infant baptism became very popular. Throughout most of history, until the time of the Anabaptists during the Reformation, Christians almost universally practiced infant baptism. Is every single Christian from 400 A.D. to about 1514 A.D. going to hell because of God's inability or unwillingness to save them?

*Q: In Acts 2:38, does this mean water baptism is necessary for salvation?*

**A:** No, Jesus is necessary for salvation. Neither repentance nor water baptism merits our salvation.

Those are our responding to Jesus' work. Baptism is to be an outward sign of our prior inward faith and repentance.

Note that Acts 2:38 was a command not a formula. Some might erroneously conclude that loving God, faith, believing, and trusting God are unnecessary, as they are not mentioned here. All who come to Christ should be baptized, and that is as true today as it was then. However, It is Jesus' blood, not our baptism that saves us.

*Q: In Acts 10:45-48, is water baptism essential to be saved?*

**A:** Four points to consider.

1. They spoke in tongues prior to being baptized with water.

2. Speaking in tongues is a sign (but not the only sign, 1 Cor. 12:1-13) of being filled with the Holy Spirit.

3. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is only for those who are born again.

4. Those who are born again are saved.

So, they were born again prior to being baptized with water. See the discussion on Acts 22:16 for a second example of being saved prior to water baptism. See also the next question.



*Q: In Acts 10:45-48, since this passage was a very special occurrence, does this negate using this passage to show water baptism is not essential for salvation?*

**A:** No. This passage does describe an important transition for the church, but that does not disqualify us from understanding all of its teaching. Three points to consider.

1. Gentiles could be filled with the Holy Spirit, and thus be saved, prior to baptism at this time. This was not impossible for God to do and still be true to His Word.

2. Thus, it is possible for people to be saved, prior to baptism at other times, without God breaking His Word.

3. If your interpretation of the Bible requires that God cannot be true to His Word if anyone after Christ is saved prior to being baptized, perhaps it would be your interpretation, and not God's Word, that is wrong.

*Q: In Acts 22:16, how do people get baptized and wash away their sins?*

**A:** Is it OK to say that people wash away their sins here as long as you remember four points.

1. The power to wash away is with God, not magic in the water.

2. God is not restricted to being "unable" to save people who are not baptized, because the thief on the cross was with Jesus in Paradise.

3. For our part, the pledge of a sincere conscience before God is more important than the water, as in

1 Peter 3:21. However, being baptized with water is a command for every single Christian.

4. The Jews were familiar with ceremonial washings in the Old Testament Law. Thus, Paul's audience understood what he meant and did not mix it up with the errors of "magic water" or "a restricted God".

The *Bible Knowledge Commentary: New Testament* p. 418 sheds some helpful light on the Greek here. The phrase "calling on His name" is a Greek aorist participle, which "refers either to action which is simultaneous with or before that of the main verb. Here Paul's calling on Christ's name (for salvation) preceded his water baptism. The participle may be translated, "having called on His name."

*Q: In 1 Peter 3:21, in what sense does water baptism save us?*

**A:** It is obvious that Peter was not using the second half of 1 Peter 3:21 to contradict the first half of 1 Peter 3:21. It is Jesus who saves us, not the water. Since water cannot take the place of Jesus rising for us, what did Peter mean? 1 Peter 3:21 itself gives us our answer in two parts:

**A: From our prospective**, water baptism has no value as a ceremonial washing. Rather, water baptism is of great value as "the pledge of a good conscience towards God."

**B. From God's prospective**, water baptism has no saving value. Rather water baptism is of great value as your identification that "saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ" (See also Colossians 3:12, Romans 6:3-5).

In addition, here are four other key doctrines about water baptism.

1. All believers, without exception, are commanded to be baptized. (Acts 2:38).

2. The command to be baptized was never taken away. (See Matthew 28:19-20).

3. If a true believer dies before being baptized, God can still send him to be with Jesus. After all, all who have the Holy Spirit are sons of God. (Romans 8:10-11).

4. God can save people and give them the Holy Spirit prior to them being baptized (Acts 10:44-48). Baptism is a kind of circumcision, and as Romans 4:10-11, shows, Abraham's faith was counted as righteousness before he was circumcised, and that baptism was a seal of righteousness.

**In summary**, baptism is not the cause of a new life in Christ. It is a believer's pledge to God of a new life in Christ. ☩

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## CHANGES IN CAMPBELLISM

By: Bob L. Ross

I received several of the most prominent Restoration Movement (alias "Church of Christ") publications over the years, and if one can believe what they say, the movement spawned by Thomas and Alexander Campbell, Barton W. Stone, and Walter Scott in the early 1800's has become one of the most splintered, fractured, and floundering of the professing "non-denominational" sects. The "Ancient Order" ship launched in the last century is springing leaks all along its hull.

No longer must the Church of Christ segment of the movement be concerned about old and continuing "issues" such as the missionary society, use of mechanical instruments of music, millennial controversies, anti-institutionalism, and some of the lesser and familiar controversies of former days, it is also now being threatened by the foreboding "demons" of the Crossroads/Boston Movement [now called the International Church of Christ], the "New Hermeneutic" advocates, "Ketchersidism," some Charismatic inroads, the "Wineskinites," Calvinistic inroads, the A.D. 70 "Kingites," the divorce-remarriage controversy, not to mention the "normal" theological liberalism which inevitably creeps into the colleges and universities.

Perry B. Cothan warned, "The Church is in danger of another digression... the future of the Church is at the turning point," and he made a direct "prediction" of evil things to come (*Firm Foundation*, 8/92, p. 28).

In addition to the foregoing, *The Spiritual Sword* magazine complained about the need for "a kinder and gentler brotherhood," with editor Alan Highers proclaiming, "never have I seen a time when there was more suspicion, fragmentation, and criticism among the brethren than now," and that "we can scarcely think about trying to baptize alien sinners because we are too busy picking at one another" (1/90, p. 1).

Highers' brotherhood, at their October 1993 annual lectureship had as a theme, "The Restoration: THE WINDS OF CHANGE," and the meeting focused upon some of the major departures from past views and practices.

The headline article of the February 1993 issue of *Christian Worker* magazine proclaimed "Brethren, We Are Drifting," and the article said "the tragedy of all this is that it is so widespread" (p. 7).

In fact, things have gotten so bad in the once great and fast growing Restoration Movement that there has been a call for "Restoring the Restoration Movement"! (*Firm Foundation*, 1/93, p. 1).

The "digression" of well known ministers of the church over the past several years has become a matter of deep concern to the brotherhood. Names such as Don Finto, Rubel Shelly, the late Reuel Lemmons, the late James Bales, Larry James, Charles Hodge, Lynn Anderson, Bill Love, Thomas Olbricht, C.L. Allen, James Thompson, Leroy Garrett, Max Lucado, and others keep appearing in the writings of those who say they are the "faithful brethren" who believe it is their duty to flog these digressors.

Instances of "winds of change" are seen in some of the books published in recent years.

*Instrumental Music* (Freed Hardeman University, 1991) contains the speeches of a debate held at Freed Hardeman between four Church of Christ ministers, two of them affirming the scripturality of mechanical instrumental music and two of them

opposing it. Larry James of East Richardson, Texas and Bill Swetmon of Plano defended instrumental music while David Lipe of Freed Hardeman and Cecil May Jr. of Magnolia Bible College, Kosciusko, Mississippi, spoke against it. James and Swetmon manifested a greater concept of the Gospel and its significance as compared to the "legalism" of Lipe and May.

*Re-Baptism* (Howard Publishing, 1991) by Jimmy Allen, the well-known Church of Christ minister associated with Harding University, Searcy, Arkansas, does an outstanding job refuting the "McGaryite" theory that one must "understand" the purpose of baptism for it to be valid. This book has caused H.B. Dobbs and some brethren associated with *Firm Foundation* magazine to repudiate Allen and anyone who shares the views of this book. Dobbs & Company have also been greatly disturbed by departures on the part of Abilene Christian University and have sought to arouse the brotherhood about ACU's "apostasy."

*Baptism, A Bible Study* (College Press, 1989) by Jack Cottrell was one of the earliest books which I saw come out against the necessity of baptism for salvation. Cottrell at the time was Professor of Theology at Cincinnati Bible Seminary, Cincinnati, one of the older institutions in the Restoration Movement.

Leroy Garrett, once an extreme "rightist" in the Movement, has published a newsletter in which he affirms that "One is really saved by Grace when he believes and commits his life to Jesus Christ" (*Once More With Love*, 1/99, p. 1). Leroy takes the position that baptism only "formally" saves, and that is the sense of "for the remission of sins" in Acts 2:38. "There is actual remission when one believes, formal remission when one is baptized" (p. 4).

Another "hot" issue on the current scene is the **work of the Holy Spirit**, and notable Church of Christ ministers such as Roy and Mac Deaver are being taken to task by some of the "McGaryite" faction. A magazine known as "*Hammer & Tongs*" has been exposing the "Calvinism" of the Deavers who apparently teach that there is a sense in which the Holy Spirit indwells believers which conflicts with past Church of Christ teaching. *H&T* says in its masthead that it is published "for the express purpose of combating the Calvinistic doctrine" on the work of the Holy Spirit, and most of their combating is being done against Church of Christ sources. If we can believe *H&T*, there must be a rather widespread embracing of Calvinism on this subject within the ranks of the Church of Christ.

Several times I have been contacted by persons who have expressed appreciation for the help received from my writings on Campbellism, and some have even been ministers of the Church of Christ. One minister, who heard one of my debates when he was a teenager, said he read my books, and is now a teacher in a Church of Christ college, teaching the history of the Restoration Movement just as I have written it. Another minister who I debated years ago is now an advocate of justification by the imputed righteousness of Christ, which he did not believe when he and I debated. A Church of Christ gentleman in Missouri recently sent me some materials he is using in his classes, and it was composed of photo-copied materials from my books.

Hopefully as time goes by there will be more "winds of change" in the Restoration Movement, and more people will come

to a better understanding of the truth.✠

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### The Ecumenical Max Lucado

Lucado is the author of many books (over 11 million sold) and is the minister of Oak Hills **Church of Christ** in San Antonio, Texas. One of his books, "*Just Like Jesus*," reached #105 on the *USA Today* best seller list, and is # 1 on the *Southern California Christian Times* list. Lucado was a major speaker at the large *Promise Keepers* rally in Washington, D.C. in 1997.

His books do not touch on hot theological and political issues such as homosexuality, abortion or women in the ministry because he doesn't regularly talk about these topics in his sermons.

"The people who come to our church are wondering, 'Does God love them?', Lucado says. 'I've never had people come up to me and say, 'Hey, could we talk about whether women should be ordained in the ministry? But I've had a couple of people come up and say, 'How can I get along with this grumpy neighbor of mine?' or 'Can you help my wife and me work out our relationship.'" He says he doesn't consider himself an authority on the controversial topics. "I think there are others to speak to those issues a lot better. I've never been drawn to a lot of controversy. I'm more of a peace lover."

He says the desire to break down the denominational walls without compromising denominational convictions is a healthy, present-happening phenomenon. Lucado is quoted as saying in the *2/8 Christianity Today*, "I'm thrilled about *ECT* [the ecumenical *Evangelicals and Catholics Together* document]. I signed that document. I don't consider myself an authority on all of that. I look up to men like Chuck Colson and others who are architects of this." Lucado is apparently no hard-line Campbellite and is willing to sign doctrinal statements concerning things that he admittedly knows little about. **Lucado's ability to avoid controversy and embrace alien gospels such as Roman Catholicism makes him a perfect ecumenical man. Jesus Christ, however, was definitely no ecumenical man and did not run from controversy, see Matt. 10:34-39, 23:1-39.**

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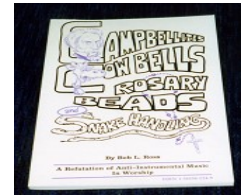
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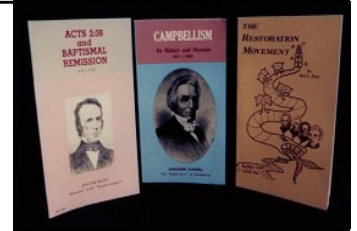
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In Jesus' Love,  
Evangelist Gondwe  
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S.T.  
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In Christ,  
J.B.  
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Thank You,  
J. L.  
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