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Restoration: Are we there yet?

We have often heard these words from the mouths of youngsters who are eager to arrive, “Are we there yet?” It’s a good question to ask of The Restoration Movement as well. Some feel that the Restoration Movement has arrived at doctrinal correctness, no adjustments needed. Of course, the question “Are we there yet?” begs another question, “How do we know when we’ve arrived?”

We generally don’t like to see ourselves as reactionary, yet the Restoration Movement of the 19th century was to some degree a reaction to dogmatic denominational traditions. As Rubel Shelly put it, “the motive behind all restoration movements is to tear down the walls of separation by a return to the practice of the original, essential and universal features of the Christian religion.” (from the book *I Just Want to be a Christian*, 1984)

Acts 4:32 makes a sweeping statement that challenges 21st Century Christians to the core:

“All the believers were one in heart and mind”.

How could that be? Didn’t they know about the debates concerning the role of women in public assemblies? the use of donated funds? The divinity of the Messiah? The rapture? etc. etc.

The guiding principles of God’s word will provide answers to virtually all matters of importance to God’s people. Are we willing to accept those answers? Just as importantly, if my conviction about these answers is not strong, will I concede that the Father of all creation still knows best and it is important that I do my part to maintain the unity mentioned in Acts 4:32?

Today, many congregations face the consequences of allowing cultural norms to supersede scriptural examples. The Restoration is not complete. Restoration will continue one person at a time, generation by generation, until God calls an end to time. The history of the 19th century Restoration Movement is interesting and enlightening. What about today? This is the day that the Lord has given each one of us, to unite in heart and mind to His glory.

Roy McDonald

*How good and pleasant it is
when God's people
live together in unity!*
Psalm 133:1

**We have a commitment, empowered by the Holy Spirit,
To give glory to God
To be unified in reaching others
To be living witnesses for Christ**

*Welcome to the
Palm Springs Church of Christ*



We extend a friendly welcome to everyone! It is a genuine joy to gather in the Lord's house and share in the worship of the living and loving God.

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. (Ephesians 6:18)"

Pray for our Church family:

Please keep Byron in your prayers as he continues to suffer from chronic headaches. We also ask that you continue to pray for the improved health of: Mae Britton, Kerry Britton, Lynette Brink, Sue Collins, Phyllis Francis, Wanda Goodenough, Brenda Jones, John Leonard, Roy McDonald, Jeff Mercer, Jerry Munn, Dail Paramore, and Francis Pati.

Pray for family & friends:

Pray for Kathy's niece Shyanna as she has been diagnosed with Lupus; for Dustin Parker's dad, Mike who continues to recover from a stroke, for Kerry's co-worker, George Dagnino who has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and Kathy's cousin-in-law, Michelle Candelario who is undergoing radiation treatments. Pray for the improved health of: Jim & Mary Ann D'Arcy, Mary Fields, Joy Gabel Filippone, Keith & Lisa Britton, Marjorie Counts, Kathy's husband Kevin, Derek Fields, Dail's friends Marie C. and Teddy K.

First responders: Please keep those who are serving their communities in your prayers: Alisha K. (EMT); Joanna Carter (Nurse), Luther Carter (Naval Officer), Jody Huggins and Jory Huggins (both MI Patrol Officers); Dr. Janice Massey of N.C.

Military:

Jeff Mercer's son-in-law Brandon Deusenberry, Glenn Fields, and Kathy's family T. Burgess and T. Cairo.

Prayer Warriors Corner

Dear God, as we face an overwhelming world, let us be comforted by Your majesty. Let us find courage in knowing You are with us. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen..

Power For Today: October 2021

Read: Psalm 46

News:

Trustee & Congregational business meeting will be today following worship service.

The Community Food Bank: At this time, the most critically needed items are: 1 pound packs of spaghetti and canned pasta sauce. Other non-perishable items such as: small packs of rice and dried beans, Ramen/Cup of Noodles, Rice-A-Roni, canned tomatoes, & canned fruit are also welcome! Your donation is greatly appreciated.

In Search of the Lord's Way: Watch excellent Bible-based messages every Sunday, 7:30 a.m., on KCWQ, VHF channel 2 or UHF channel 26. Also Available ANY TIME online with You Tube. Just enter: SearchTVMinistry and pick a sermon. <https://youtu.be/FxMzZ6ZKMdQ>

Scripture Reading: Acts 4:23 and 31-33

On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them.

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all.

Sermon Topic:

"A return to the first century"

Birthdays:

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| Yolanda Britton: | 5/3 |
| Kathy Ferrell: | 5/4 |
| Stuart Huggins: | 5/14 |

Wedding Anniversaries:

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| K & K Ferrell: | 5/1 |
| K & Y Britton: | 5/28 |

Worship service: Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.

**Ladies Bible Class:Thursdays @ 10:30 a.m.
69461 Mipark Drive, Desert Edge**

WORSHIP ORDER

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER

387: Tell Me the Story of Jesus (1-3)

386: He Loves Me (1-3)

COMMUNION & OFFERING: Matthew 26:26-29

71: As the Deer (1-3)

INTERLUDE

19: Come, Thou Almighty King (1-3)

SERMON

INVITATION

1025: God of Our Fathers (1,2 and 3)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLOSING PRAYER

While we continue to have in-person worship service on Sunday mornings, we understand that there are still many of our number that are still not comfortable attending. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you, and that you are truly missed.

Sermons on line: For the most recent locally recorded sermon, simply go to the Palm Springs Church of Christ webpage and click on the "sermons" category at the top of the page.

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