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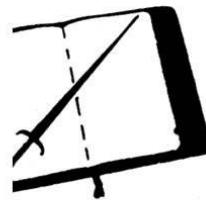
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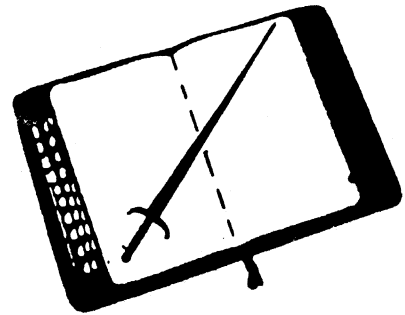
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III. GOD'S RESPONSE

1. **Romans 3:23 (Romans 6:23)**
Yes--No Is it your understanding that "all have sinned and are under the condemnation of death?"
2. **John 3:16 (I John 4:9)**
Yes--No Was it because of the great love of God that Jesus was sent so that we might have life?
3. **John 10:10 (John 14:19)**
Yes--No Since man, guilty of sin, faced death, did Jesus come that man might have life and have it abundantly?
4. **I Timothy 1:15 (I John 4:10)**
Yes--No Did Paul believe that Jesus came into this world to save sinners?
Yes--No Did Paul consider himself guilty of sin?
5. **I Peter 2:21-24 (Romans 5:8-9)**
Yes--No Is it your understanding that the Bible teaches that Christ died so that you might live?
6. **Ephesians 1:6-7 (Matthew 26:28)**
Yes--No Is it through the shed blood of Jesus that you receive the "remission of sin"?
Yes--No Do the phrases "remission of sin" and "forgiveness of sin" mean the same?
7. **Acts 4:12 (John 14:6)**
Yes--No Is man able to find "remission of sin" or salvation in any other name under heaven?
8. **Hebrews 2:9 (I Peter 2:24)**
Yes--No Has Christ tasted death for "every" man (including you and me)?
9. **Matthew 7:13-14 (Matthew 22:14)**
Yes--No Will the majority receive "life" as a result of Christ's death?
Yes--No If you follow the majority, will you be safe spiritually?
10. **Hebrews 5:8-9 (John 12:48)**
Yes--No Is Jesus the author of eternal salvation (life) to all who OBEY Him?
Yes--No Do you agree that, although Jesus died for all men, man must OBEY Jesus in order that he might receive "Life"?

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DIRECTIONS:
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I. AUTHORITY

1. II Timothy 3:16-17 (John 20:30-31)

Yes--No Has God provided us with "all Scripture" needed to "furnish us unto all good works"?

2. II Peter 1:3

Yes--No If "all things that pertain to life and Godliness" have been "given unto us," do we need anything in addition to the Bible?

3. Hebrews 8:6-8, 13 (Romans 3:27)

Yes--No Did the Lord find fault with the first covenant (Law)?

Yes--No Did the Lord obtain a "new and better covenant" making the first old?

Yes--No If the new law is better, would you want to follow the old?

4. Hebrews 10:9

Yes--No Did Christ say he came to do the will of God?

Yes--No In establishing the second law, did he do away with the first law?

5. Ephesians 2:13-15

Yes--No Was it through Christ's blood that God "abolished" (took out of the way) the "Law of Commandments"?

6. Galatians 3:24-25

Yes--No Was the Law only to serve as a "schoolmaster" until the "faith" should come?

Yes--No After "faith is come" should we continue to serve the schoolmaster?

7. Romans 7:6-7 (Exodus 20:1-17; Matthew 5:17-45)

Yes--No Is "thou shalt not covet" one of the Ten Commandments?

Yes--No Is the "Law" that which contained the Ten Commandments?

Yes--No Have we been "delivered" (rescued) from the "Law"?

8. Which law are we in subjection to today?



9. John 12:47-48

Yes--No Will the words of Christ judge you and me in the last day?

Yes--No If so, should we be obedient to His will?

Yes--No Is Christ's Law (New Testament) the spiritual law we are to follow today?

II. THE PROBLEM OF MAN

1. I John 1:8-10 (Romans 3:10-19)

Yes--No Does the Bible teach that we all have sinned?

Yes--No Do we make Christ a liar if we say we have not sinned?

2. I John 3:4 (James 4:17)

Yes--No Is sin "transgression" (violation) of God's law?

Yes--No Would ANY violation of God's law be sin?

3. James 2:10 (I John 5:17)

Yes--No Since the creation, could man violate any of God's law and not be guilty of sinning?

4. I John 2:3-4

Yes--No If we say we KNOW Christ and fail to keep his commandments, are we liars?

Yes--No Is it a sin to be a liar?

5. II Thessalonians 1:7-9 (Matthew 13:36-43)

Yes--No Will Jesus take vengeance in flaming fire on those who do not obey Him?

Yes--No Will this punishment be "everlasting" if we fail to "obey" Christ?

6. Romans 6:23 (James 5:19-20)

Yes--No Is it your understanding that sin will bring (spiritual) death?

Yes--No If man does not find some way to be cured from sin, will he be able to live spiritually?

7. Romans 7:14-24 (Romans 5:6)

Yes--No Did Paul feel the pressure of sin's reality?

Yes--No Could Paul, without help from God, solve this problem?

Yes--No Must we, as human beings, depend upon God to help us with our sin problem?

4. **Corinthians 1:10-13 (I Corinthians 3:4-5)**
 Yes-No Does the Lord want us to be "perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment"?"
 Yes-No If we worshiped differently, would we be "united" (of the same mind) in Christ?
 Yes-No If we followed ONLY the Bible, could we be "united"?"
5. **Ephesians 4:4**
 Yes-No Does the New Testament say there is ONE body just as there is ONE Lord?
6. **I Corinthians 12:13-14**
 Yes-No When we love, believe, repent, confess and are baptized, are we members of this one body?
 Yes-No Can we omit any of these steps and be a member of the ONE body?
7. **Ephesians 1:22-23 (Colossians 1:18, 24)**
 Yes-No Is this "ONE" body the "CHURCH"?"
 Yes-No Is Christ the ONLY head of this one body?
8. **I Corinthians 12:37 (Romans 16:16)**
 Yes-No Is this one body (the church) the body of Christ (the church of Christ)?
 Yes-No Wouldn't you like to be a member of this one body?
9. **Acts 2:47**
 Yes-No Did the Lord add the saved to His church?
 Yes-No Was the Lord's church in existence at this time?
 Yes-No Can you be saved and not be a member of the church?
 Yes-No Is it your understanding that the Lord established but ONE church, His body, and that the saved are added by the Lord to this ONE CHURCH?
10. Study the following Chart.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST - Matthew 16:18; Romans 16:16

Unscriptural doctrines and practices began to be introduced after the death of the apostles.

1. Holy Water 113 A.D.
2. Lent 140 A.D.
3. Penance 157 A.D.
4. Infant Baptism 185 A.D.
5. Intercession of Saints 240 A.D.
6. Sprinkling for Baptism 250 A.D.
7. Sacrifice of Mass 370 A.D.
8. Celibacy of Priests 425 A.D.
9. Purgatory 450 A.D.
10. Confession to Priests 500 A.D.
11. Pope (Boniface III) 606 A.D.
12. Instrumental Music 670 A.D.

The church continued to depart from the faith until it did not even resemble the church that Christ built. It was different in doctrine, worship, organization and mission.

The Reformation was a step in the right direction. The reformers rebelled against many of the corruptions of Rome. They rejected many of the unscriptural practices of the apostate church; but they were inconsistent in holding on to other things which were just as unscriptural, e.g. infant baptism, sprinkling, etc.

The Falling Away

THE FALLING AWAY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

(Prophecies: 2 Thessalonians 2:3-12; I Timothy 4:1-3; Acts 20:28-30)

The Reformation

- Martin Luther (1530 A.D.) (Lutheran Church/Luther's catechism)
 - John Calvin (1536 A.D.) (Presbyterian Church/Westminster confession)
 - Henry VIII (1552 A.D.) (Episcopal Church/Book of Common Prayer)
 - John Smyth (1607 A.D.) (Baptist Church/Standard Manual)
 - John Wesley (1729 A.D.) (Methodist Church/Methodist Discipline)
- Over 300 Denominations, which create division and confusion in the minds of men. More denominations are not needed. WE HAVE ENOUGH!

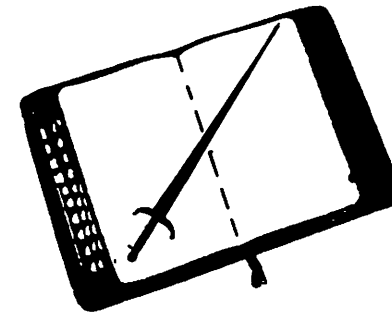
The Restoration of the New Testament Church

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST TODAY!
 If the Church of Christ today is simply another denominations, it has no reason nor right to exist. These men wanted to restore the church of Christ in its purity and simplicity as it was in the first century. This is still our endeavor and plea!

- Barton W. Stone (1854 A.D.) (A Presbyterian preacher)
- Alexander Campbell (1830 A.D.) (A Presbyterian preacher)
- Elias Smith (1800 A.D.) (A Baptist preacher)
- James O'Kelly (1793 A.D.) (A Methodist preacher)

These men said, "Let us cast aside all denominational names, creeds, doctrines and practices which divide the Christian world and just wear the name 'Christian' and be only members of the New Testament church." Their plea was, "Where the Scriptures speak we speak; where they are silent we are silent." They began to sow the seed of the Kingdom (Luke 8:1) which produced only Christians, members of the church of Christ, as it had done more than 1900 years earlier!

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IV. MAN'S RESPONSE -

1. John 14:6 (John 6:68)

Yes-No Since Jesus is the only way to "life", must we go to His word to find that "way"?

2. John 5:39-40 (John 12:42-43)

Yes-No Does the Bible say that some refused to "come" to Jesus?

Yes-No Did they receive the "life" that Jesus came to give?

3. Romans 6:17 (II Timothy 2:22)

Yes-No Would it please God if you obeyed only from an outward expression and not from the heart?

Yes-No To completely OBEY God, must you obey only His form of teaching (doctrine)?

Yes-No Have you made a commitment to Christ?

Yes-No Have you been baptized?

Yes-No Were your sins forgiven before your baptism?

4. Matthew 28:20

Yes-No Did Jesus say we could OBEY part of His will and still please Him?

Yes-No Must you OBEY "all" of the will of God to please Him?

5. Matthew 22:37 (Mark 12:32-33; John 14:15)

Yes-No Is it possible to OBEY God's will without loving Him with all your heart, soul and mind?

Yes-No If you love Him, will you keep His commandments?

6. John 8:24 (John 6:40)

Yes-No Is it God's will that you believe in Jesus?

Yes-No Is it God's will that you love AND believe in Christ?

Yes-No Is it possible to have the "life" that Jesus came to bring if we do not believe in Jesus Christ?

7. Luke 13:3 (Acts 17:30-31)

Yes-No Is it God's will that you repent?

Yes-No Is it God's will that you love, believe and repent?

Yes-No Will you receive "life" if you do not repent?

8. II Corinthians 7:9-10 (Matthews 21:28-29)

Yes-No Is sorrow "alone" repentance?

Yes-No Does repentance mean a "change of ways" rather than sorrow alone?

9. Matthew 10:32 (Act 8:37)

Yes-No Is it God's will that you confess the name of Jesus before men?

Yes-No Is it God's will that you love, believe, repent AND confess Christ before men?

10. Matthew 16:15-17

Yes-No Did Peter confess his sins to Jesus?

Yes-No Will Jesus be pleased if we confess that He is the Christ, the son of the living God?

Yes-No Is it God's will that we desire ONLY, believe ONLY, repent ONLY, or confess ONLY?

11. Mark 16:15-16

Yes-No Did Christ say, "He that believeth and baptized shall be saved"?

Yes-No Not only is it God's will that we love, believe, repent and confess, is it His will that we be baptized also?

Yes-No Could we omit any one of these steps and still be saved?

12. Romans 6:23

Yes-No If we are not obedient to ALL of Jesus' will, can we enjoy the "life" as a reward?

Yes-No Is God's gift of eternal life possible only through Christ?

13. Acts 2:36-42 (Acts 22:16)

Yes-No Were these people in verse 36 guilty of sin?

Yes-No Were those who "gladly" received the "word" baptized?

Yes-No When they were baptized, were they baptized "for the remission of sin"?

Yes-No At that time, did they receive the "life" which Jesus came to make possible?

14. Ephesians 4:5-6

Yes-No Is there more than "ONE" true Lord?

Yes-No Is there more than "ONE" true baptism in God's will?

15. Acts 8:34-39 (I Peter 3:20-21)

Yes-No Did the Eunoch ask to be baptized in water?

Yes-No Was the Eunoch taken down INTO the water and brought UP OUT of the water?

16. Romans 6:3-5 (Colossians 2-12)

Yes-No Did Paul say he was baptized into Jesus Christ?

Yes-No Would being "baptized" like Paul and the Eunoch be a safe guide for you and me?

Yes-No Would we be doing God's will if we obeyed any other form of baptism than immersion?

Yes-No Do you agree that the "ONE" valid baptism today is baptism in water for the remission of sin?

Yes-No Would you like to have your sins forgiven?

V. GOD'S FAMILY -

1. Colossians 3:17 (Philippians 1:9)

Yes-No Does the Bible say that you are to "do all in the name of the Lord Jesus"?

Yes-No Would this command allow us to conduct religious acts in the name of men?

2. John 17:20-21 (Matthew 12:25)

Yes-No Was Jesus' prayer only for those who were with Him?

Yes-No Did Jesus pray for those who would believe in Him through the words of the apostles?

Yes-No Did Jesus pray that all people would be united (one)?

3. I Corinthians 14:33

Yes-No Do you agree that religious confusion exists in the world today?

Yes-No Is God the author of this religious confusion?

Yes-No Would you want to be guilty of causing religious confusion?

15. I Corinthians 15:58 (Acts 2:42, 46)

Yes - No Is it the Lord's will that you be "steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord"?

Yes - No If we are "always abounding in the work of the Lord", will our labor in vain?

16. Hebrews 10:23-26, 30-31

Yes - No Are we to "hold fast the profession of our faith" in the Lord's service?
Is it Christ's will that you assemble with the church to encourage and be encouraged?

Yes - No Would it be sinful for you to "willfully" miss the services of the church?

VIII. CONCLUSION

1. Answer Thoughtfully.

Yes - No Will you accept "all things" that pertain to "life and Godliness"?

Yes - No Will you and I be judged by the words of Christ?

Yes - No Have you been obedient to all of Christ's will?

Yes - No Are you guilty of violating Christ's will in obedience, organization, or worship?

Yes - No Are you aware that sin will bring Spiritual Death?

Yes - No Do you feel the problem of sin in your life?

Yes - No Would you like to have the Lord's help in overcoming sin?

Yes - No Do you love Christ with all your heart, mind and soul?

Yes - No Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Yes - No Have you repented of your old sinful life?

Yes - No Have you confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the son of the living God?

Yes - No Have you been added to His church in baptism?

Yes - No Do you prayerfully worship Him according to His Word?

Yes - No Can you read of the church you are now associated with in the Bible?

Yes - No Wouldn't you like to be a member of the Lord's family, the church, nothing more, nothing less?

Yes - No Is it your desire to give, take the Lord's Supper and worship with God's family each Lord's day?

Yes - No

Yes - No Is your relationship with Christ now one of love, security and peace?

Yes - No Are you willing to give up old ideas and follow Christ's teaching till death?

Yes - No Do you want eternal life in Heaven?

2. James 4:17

Yes - No Is it enough to know God's will, and then not do it?

Yes - No Are you ready to OBEY all of God's will?

3. John 14:23 (John 14:15)

Yes - No If you love Christ, will you keep His commandments?

Yes - No Will God love you for keeping Christ's will?

Yes - No Do you love Christ now?

4. Acts 22:16

Yes - No Should you obey at once as Paul was commanded to do?

5. James 4:7

Yes - No Will the devil "flee from you" if you will submit yourself to the Lord?

6. Acts 16:33, 25

Yes - No Did the jailor obey the Lord the same hour of night (after 12 P.M.)?

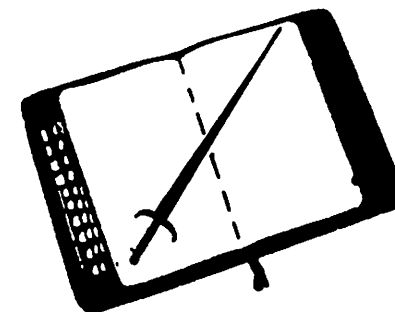
7. Matthew 11:28 (James 4:14)

Yes - No Does Jesus want you to "come unto Him"?

Yes - No Should you obey Him NOW?

Yes - No WILL YOU?

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VI. THE ORGANIZATION

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1. Galatians 1:1-2

Yes - No Did Paul write a letter to the "churches" (plural of Galatia)?

Yes - No Were these "churches" various congregations (gatherings) of the ONE church, the Lord's family?

2. Acts 14:21-23

Yes - No Were "elders" (plural) ordained in every "church" (singular) in New Testament times?

3. Acts 20:17-28

Yes - No Were the "elders" of the church in Ephesus also the "overseers" of the church?

4. Titus 1:5-9

Yes - No Are the terms "elders" and "bishops" used interchangeably?

Yes - No Is a plurality (more than one) of elders to exist in every church?

5. I Timothy 3:1-13 (Philippians 1:1)

Yes - No Were the "elders" and "deacons" in every church in New Testament times?

Yes - No Do you understand that the men who filled these offices were to be men who met certain qualifications?

Yes - No Could a woman fill these offices? (cf. I Timothy 2:11-12; I Corinthians 14:34).

Yes - No Would a congregation of God's people which does not have "elders" and "deacons" be what the Lord desires?

VII. THE WORSHIP

OF GOD'S FAMILY -

1. Matthew 15:9 (Colossians 2:1-8; 2:20-22)

Yes - No Does the New Testament teach that it is possible for man to worship in "vain"?

Yes - No Will the commandments and doctrines of MEN make your worship "vain"?

Yes - No

Do you desire that your worship be "vain worship"?

2. John 4:24

Yes - No Does Jesus say that man must worship God in spirit ONLY?

Yes - No Is it necessary that YOU worship God in spirit AND in truth?

3. John 17:17 (II Thessalonians 2:9-12)

Yes - No Is man sanctified through the truth?

Yes - No Is the WORD the TRUTH?

Yes - No Do you agree that you must worship God with the right attitude and according to the teachings of the authority (the New Testament) in order that your worship might be in vain?

4. Matthew 26:26-29 (Luke 22:17-20)

Yes - No In giving the Lord's Supper, did Jesus use the "fruit of the vine" and "bread"?

Yes - No Is it necessary for the followers of Christ to partake of the Lord's Supper?

5. I Corinthians 11:23-29 (Mark 14:22-25)

Yes - No Were the followers of Christ to partake of the "fruit of the vine" and the "bread" in "remembrance of" Him?

Yes - No Are the "cup" and the "bread" to bring to our minds the death of Christ?

Yes - No Is the Lord's Supper to be partaken of "often"?

6. Acts 20:7 (I Corinthians 11:23-29)

Yes - No Did the first century Christians meet together to partake of the Lord's Supper on Sunday (the first day of the week)?

Yes - No If Christians today, with the right attitude, partake of the "fruit of the vine" and the "bread" upon the "first day of the week," are they following what you have read in your New Testament?

Yes - No Is it YOUR desire to follow only the Lord's will?

7. I Corinthians 16:1-2 (II Corinthians 9:5-7)

Yes - No Should we make a contribution each time the church meets (Sunday and Wednesday)?

Yes - No Is it the Lord's will that we contribute and partake of the Lord's Supper on Sunday, the first day of each week?

8. II Peter 3:14-16 (Acts 17:11)

Yes - No Does Peter say that some things are "Impossible" for you to understand in the Bible?

Yes - No Is there a tendency for the unlearned to "wrest" (distort, misinterpret) the Scriptures to their own destruction?

Yes - No Because of this, does the Lord want Christians to GROW in their knowledge of Christ?

9. Roman 12:12 (Luke 18:1)

Yes - No Are we to be "Instant to prayer"?

10. Romans 1:8 (Colossians 3:17)

Yes - No Is it God's desire that we pray through Jesus Christ?

Yes - No Would any other way be pleasing to God?

11. Hebrews 4:16

Yes - No Can we find help in the time of need through prayer?

12. Ephesians 5:19

Yes - No Is it the Lord's will that you "sing and make melody in your heart to the Lord"?

Yes - No Would the Lord be pleased with anything more or less in our singing?

13. Colossians 3:16

Yes - No Are we to "teach" and "admonish one another" through our singing?

Yes - No Is there a "mechanical" instrument of music mentioned in this passage?

Yes - No Can an instrument of music accomplish anything God desires when you sing in worship (teach or admonish)?

Yes - No Would you be absolutely SAFE if you did not use the instrument in your worship to God?

14. Revelation 22:18-19

Yes - No Did the Lord say we could add anything to His word?

Yes - No Would it please the Lord if you took anything from His word?

Yes - No Would you want to be guilty of adding or taking away anything from His word?