

CHURCH HISTORY

Lesson 15 – The "Restoration Movement" (1800 thru 1950)

As introduced in Lesson 12, the "Restoration Movement" took the Second Great Awakening into a somewhat fresh direction.

A. Background/Major Events

1. According to https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Restoration_Movement, contrast the key principles of the "Restoration" Movement with the general goals of the "Reformation" Movement.
2. What roles did the following people have in the Restoration Movement?
 - a. 1794 James O'Kelley
 - b. 1804 Barton Stone
 - c. 1810 Thomas & Alexander Campbell
 - d. 1821 Sidney Rigdon
 - e. 1850 to 1940 Daniel Sommer
3. In 1832, what happened to the groups of "Christians" associated with Barton Stone and the "Disciples of Christ" generally associated with Alexander Campbell?

B. Authority

1. Are the following sayings associated with the Restoration Movement scriptural?
 - a. "Where the Scripture speak, we speak; where the Scriptures are silent, we are silent"
 - b. "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; and in all things, love"
 - c. "Do Bible things in Bible ways, and call Bible things by Bible names."

C. Doctrines

1. What significant doctrines distinguished typical Restoration Movement groups from typical Protestant denominations? Use the doctrinal areas of Lesson 9 question B. to organize your answers.
2. Would typical Restoration Movement groups be described as denominational, non-denominational, or anti-denominational? Why?
3. Discuss the issue of "missionary societies" (starting in 1849).
4. Discuss the issue of L.L. Pinkerton and instrumental music (starting in 1860).

D. Divisions/Conflicts

1. What major division was officially recognized by the U.S. government in 1906 within the Restoration Movement?
 - a. What were the underlying causes of this division?
 - b. Briefly summarize the differences between the two resulting groups.
 - c. Which group was more "popular"?
2. The "Christian Church" experienced further division finally formalized in the 1960's that resulted in what two groups?