

ANNOUNCEMENTS**MAR 13, 2011 SICK****LIST:****HEALTHCARE CENTERS:**

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SUNDAY MORNING

BIBLE CLASS 9:30

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SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

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RESTORATION

(Jeremiah 6:16-17)

- I. What restoration is _____.**
- A. Restoration is not the same thing as _____.
 - B. The word reform is defined as: the _____ or amendment of what is wrong, corrupt, unsatisfactory.
 - C. The same thing is true with the church about which we read in the New Testament; you have to go back to the _____ ideals for it to be restored.
- II. Some _____ support for restoration.**
- A. That which God has put in place for those that follow Him to practice has _____ lasted long.
 - 1. Not because God changes it, but because _____ does.
 - 2. It was not long into the _____ before the people started changing worship and offerings to God.
 - B. Notice what is written about _____ in 2 Chronicles 30:1-5.
 - 1. There was _____ support to partake of the Passover in the 2nd month if one was unclean (Numbers 9:10-11).
 - 2. The _____ was that it had not been done correctly in a long time.
 - C. Now, go to 2 Kings 23:21-22.
 - 1. What did they do to _____ the Passover?
 - 2. They simply did what was _____ in God's word.
 - D. Jeremiah encouraged those of his day to “_____ the old paths” (Jeremiah 6:16-17).
- III. Is there a pattern to turn back towards?**
- A. What the desire is of those that call for true restoration is a _____ to simply what the Bible says.
 - B. The fact is, there is a _____ we need to follow.
 - C. Paul told the Romans they had obeyed that _____ of doctrine that had been taught them (Romans 6:17).
 - D. Moses is given to us as an illustration of _____ a God-given pattern (Hebrews 8:5).
 - E. Timothy was told to hold _____ the “form of sound words” (2 Timothy 1:13).
 - 1. Sadly, through the following years, those _____ words were not held fast.
 - 2. The pattern was _____ from and it led to apostasy.
 - F. However, whenever and wherever that pattern is followed the New Testament church can be and is _____.

“The Status Quo Isn't Sustainable”

Neal Pollard

A few years ago, Robert Samuelson wrote an editorial about Europe's economic failure. This was written before the housing bubble burst and the stock market had its huge plunge. He believed that their shrinking population and longer living elderly population was seriously threatening their existence. They wanted to live in both the worlds of socialism and democracy. They wanted welfare and economic freedom. Basically, people want things to continue going on like they are. But, Samuelson called that complacency and wrote, "The status quo isn't sustainable."

That's true, no matter what the subject. You are not going to stand still very long. If you do not make progress, you will go backwards. If you are not growing, you are dying. If you are not getting stronger, you are getting weaker. It is easier for us to see others making the fatal mistake of complacency, but it is harder to see it in ourselves.

This satisfaction with the status quo is so popular because it is easier. It is the path of least resistance, requiring the least effort, change, and challenge. Someone has said, "Complacent people are like water, following the easiest course—which is downhill!" But, our focus must be on the windshield, not the rearview mirror, as we head down the road (cf. Phil. 3:13-14). The Bible is fairly replete with warnings against apathy and complacency (see Isa. 32:9-11; Prov. 1:32; Zeph. 1:12; etc.). There are biblical warnings against those whose status quo is pretty focused on this life and this world. It can include those who want to live in both worlds, who profess to be Christians but who do not really want Christ to transform their whole lives.

Are we going to be satisfied with the status quo, when it comes to church growth, evangelism, Bible knowledge, personal spirituality, or church leadership? A high jumper broke a track meet record in the event. A reporter asked, "How did you jump so high?" He responded, "I just threw my heart over the bar and my body followed it!" Let us have our hearts on helping the church grow, reaching the lost, and growing in our own spiritual service because the status quo isn't sustainable!