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AM - BEN WRIGHT - WHAT TO RESTORE

PM - BEN WRIGHT - A KING'S DISOBEDIENCE

**SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO BRENDA RUSHING DUE TO THE DEATH OF HER BROTHER-IN-LAW OWEN COOK. SERVICES WERE WEDNESDAY**

**VBS HAS BEEN MOVED TO THE FIRST FULL WEEK IN JUNE. THE DATES FOR IT ARE JUNE 5-9**

**READING FOR THE WEEK: SUN- 1 SAMUEL 28-31; MON- 2 SAMUEL 1-3; TUE- 4-6; WED- 7-9; THUR- 10-12; FRI- 13-14; SAT- 15-17; SUN- 18-19**

**BIRTHDAYS:**

Mar 27: Paul Mays

31: Vince Roden

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## TIMES OF SERVICES

### **SUNDAY MORNING**

**BIBLE CLASS 9:30**

**WORSHIP 10:20**

**SUNDAY EVENING 5:00**

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00**

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WHAT TO RESTORE

**(Ephesians 5:25-27)**

- I. The \_\_\_\_\_.**
- A. I understand that just having the right name does not a \_\_\_\_\_ church make.
  - B. However, if the right name is not in place you can know without a \_\_\_\_\_ the church has not been restored there.
  - C. Name alone does not make an organization \_\_\_\_\_.
  - D. Just \_\_\_\_\_ the name church of Christ does not make a group the restored body of Christ.
  - E. A rejection of all denominational names is a \_\_\_\_\_ in the process of restoring the New Testament church but it isn't the only step.

- II. The \_\_\_\_\_.**
- A. In the infancy of the church there were several areas of church \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. Apostles were given the \_\_\_\_\_ of the kingdom, the gospel message and allowed to confirm that message with miracles (Mark 16:20).
  - C. The office of prophet was one \_\_\_\_\_ to that of the apostles in that it is no longer needed today.
  - D. Both of these areas of church government are no longer in \_\_\_\_\_ because they are no longer necessary.
  - E. However, there is still a \_\_\_\_\_ for elders, deacons and preachers.

- III. The terms of \_\_\_\_\_.**
- A. What it took to make a person a part of the church of Christ in the New Testament is what it takes to make one a \_\_\_\_\_ today.
  - B. Any other means of \_\_\_\_\_ a religious group may make disqualifies that group from being the restored church.

- IV. The \_\_\_\_\_.**
- A. New Testament worship was and is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. Brethren in the infancy of the church did \_\_\_\_\_ things in worship to God every first day of the week as taught by the inspired apostles.
    - 1. They \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 5:19).
    - 2. They \_\_\_\_\_.
    - 3. They \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord's Supper (Acts 20:7).
    - 4. They \_\_\_\_\_ of their means (1 Corinthians 16:1-2).
    - 5. They \_\_\_\_\_ God's word through preaching.
  - C. That is all that was done and all that God \_\_\_\_\_.
  - D. John 4:24 - the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ must be right.
  - E. If anything is done not on that list or not done that is, then the worship has not been \_\_\_\_\_, which means the church has not been restored.

**Biblical Authority and the Garden of Eden**  
**Richard Mansel**

We must feed our minds on the Word of God if we will make sound spiritual decisions. We remain focused on the boundaries within Scripture and understand the implications of Biblical authority in our lives.

We illustrate this with an examination of the Garden of Eden. God put Adam and Eve into a place of exhilarating beauty ( Genesis 2:8-9,15). The world was new and pristine and they had everything they needed.

Satan arrives and tempts Eve into eating the forbidden fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. She shares the fruit with Adam and they realize they have wronged God ( Genesis 3:1-7).

God finds them hiding in the Garden and confronts them with their sin. They rationalize their behavior and God ignores their excuses and expels them from the Garden ( Genesis 3:9-24).

We consider lessons that are crucial to our understanding of Biblical authority.

First, God was undoubtedly the absolute authority in the Garden. Likewise, in our lives, he should be the supreme authority. His is the only voice that matters.

Jesus said, "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him -- the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day" ( John 12:48, NKJV). Scripture is inspired and strong enough to empower us down the road to heaven ( 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Romans 12:1-2; Ephesians 1:19).

Second, God was immune to rationalizations. Adam and Eve rationalized that they should not be responsible for their disobedience because of special circumstances. However, God completely ignored them. Their disobedience brought consequences and man's pleadings had absolutely no bearing on God's reality.

God's Word was "settled" long before humanity even existed ( Psalm 119:89). Therefore, nothing created since then, including culture, has any effect on God's will. He never changes and neither does his Word ( Hebrews 13:8).

Third, context did not matter to God. With God there are never extenuating circumstances. God presents his Word and we either obey or disobey. There will be no negotiations or any discussions. We sin and suffer the consequences ( Ezekiel 18:24).

God's grace ( Ephesians 2:8-9) and cleansing blood ( 1 John 1:7) are the only recourses we have. We cannot outsmart God ( Galatians 6:7). We have nothing within us that can supersede the authority of God. We can take our chances that this is not true, but hell is an eternal gamble. (Used by permission from Forthright Magazine ([www.forthright.net](http://www.forthright.net))).

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