

"From the cowardice that shrinks from new truth, from the laziness that is content with half truths, from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth, O, God of Truth, deliver us."

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I Still Believe....

--By Phillip Young

The Restoration Principle is good, valid, and needed because:

- 1. Rightly understood, it involves an attempt to purify the practice of religion in the same way the prophets called Israel to repentance and reform.
- It professes to honor Christ and His Word above men and tradition.
- 3. It leads all who abide by it to test their beliefs, worship, and life by the divine standards.
- 4. It rightly gives prominence to the ordinances of Christ, our Head.
- 5. It provides the only practical basis for Christian union.
- 6. It provides the incentive to search the Scriptures. This result follows the application of the principle everywhere and every time it is tried.
- 7. It emphasizes the fact that God is not pleased with "will worship" and substitutions for divine mandates.
- 8. It points men to the person of Christ rather than to theological speculation and ethical theory.
- 9. It promotes an evangelical religion, which is **chosen**, not **inherited**, experienced **personally** and not by **proxy**; offered by **grace** and received by **faith**.
- It restores the principles of those who turned the world upside down for Christ, who went to the regions beyond, who went everywhere preaching the Word, whose faith was sounded out throughout the whole world.

This was written in 1968 and is still pertinent in 2011 and will be until Christ comes to receive us unto Himself.