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A Restoration Movement Seminar

Delmarva Bible College

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April 7th-12th • 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM daily

80 Sessions

Restoring The New Testament Church  
Sunday AM - Restoring The Uniqueness  
Sunday PM - Restoring The Pattern  
Monday PM - Restoring The Oneness  
Tuesday PM - Restoring The Authority  
Wednesday PM - Restoring The Passion

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Nursery Available/ Refreshments provided during seminar.

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**Restoring**  
*The New Testament Church*

**Restoring the**  
**Passion**

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*But if I say, "I will not remember Him  
Or speak anymore in His name,"  
Then in my heart it becomes like a burning fire  
Shut up in my bones;  
And I am weary of holding it in,  
And I cannot endure it.  
Jeremiah 20:9*

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**Where there is no passion,  
the church perishes,  
even though it be full  
to the doors!**

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### Restore Passion to be **SURRENDERED** to God

• **Scripture Text:** II Corinthians 8:1-5

- Romans 6 – Dead to sin; Alive to Christ
- Colossians 1:18 – Jesus has supremacy!
- I Corinthians 10:31 – Everything brings glory to God!
- Romans 12:1-2 – Our lives are our sacrifice to God!
- I Thessalonians 5:18 – In everything give thanks!

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### Restore Passion to be **DEVOTED** to God's Word

• **Scripture Text:** Acts 17:11

- Now these (Bereans) were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica
  - They received the word with great eagerness
  - Examining the Scriptures daily
  - To see whether these things (what Paul and Silas were teaching) were so.

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### 2004 Survey in the American Church

- Fewer than half of all adults can name one of four gospels
- Many Christians cannot identify more than two or three of the disciples.
- 60% of Americans cannot name five of the Ten Commandments.
- 12% of adults believe Joan of arc was Noah's wife.
- 50% of graduating high school seniors thought Sodom and Gomorrah were husband and wife.
- A considerable number of respondents to one poll thought the Sermon on the Mount was preached by Billy Graham

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The holy oracles were not only always on the table, but daily in the hands of his family, children, and servants. They were read in the family every morning; a portion was memorized every day and recited every evening. They were, again and again, reviewed and recited at special intervals; whole epistles were committed to memory, and repeated especially on Lord's day evenings. Thus the Divine word became, as it were, incorporated with the minds of his household.

*Memoirs of Elder Thomas Campbell, by Alexander Campbell, 1861, p. 267.*

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"Attending church," or "going to meeting," as it happened to be called, was, in his family, a rather grave and serious matter. Every member of the family, child or servant, that attended church, "went to meeting" with the understanding that he or she was to give an account of what was spoken; not only of the text or topic, as it was called, but also a sort of synopsis of the discourse. In fact, this review was a miniature of the sermon or lecture, as it happened to be called.

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### Old Testament Teaching

- Deuteronomy 6:4-12
  - Love God COMPLETELY (5)
  - In order to accomplish this:
    - Word must be on your heart (6)
    - Teach the word diligently (7)
    - Must be identified by these words (8-9)
    - Watch ourselves (12)
    - Remember the words (12)

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### Old Testament Teaching

- II Kings 23:1-3
  - Gathered all the leaders (1)
  - Gathered all the people (2)
    - He READ the Book (2)
  - King's response (3)
    - Covenant before the LORD to walk after the LORD
    - To keep His commandments, testimonies and statutes
    - To carry out the words of this covenant that were written in this book.

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### Old Testament Teaching

- Psalm 1:2
  - Delight is in the law of the Lord
  - Meditates on it day and night
- Psalm 119
  - 119:9; 119:11-12; **119:14-16**; 119:18-20; **119:23-25**; 119:28; 119:30-31; 119:33; 119:35; 119:40-41; **119:45-52**; 119:54; 119:61; 119:66-67; 119:70; 119:72; 119:74; **119:76-78**; 119:81-83; 119:86; 119:89; 119:92-93; 119:96-100; 119:103-105; 119:109; 119:111; 119:113; 119:115; 119:119; 119:127-131; 119:133; 119:138; 119:140-144; **119:147-148**; 119:151-153; 119:157-163; 119:165; 119:167; 119:172-174

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### Old Testament Teaching

- Hosea 4:6
  - My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.
    - You reject knowledge, I will reject you from being My priest!
    - You forget the law, I will forget your children!

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### New Testament Teaching

- Matthew 28:18-20
  - All authority!
  - Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
  - **Teaching** them to observe all that I commanded you
- Romans 12:2
  - And do not be conformed to this world, but be **transformed by the renewing of your mind**, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

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### New Testament Teaching

- Colossians 3:16
  - **Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another** with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.
- II Timothy 2:15
  - Be diligent to present yourself approved to God
  - A workman (worker for hire; laborer) who does not need to be ashamed
  - Accurately (to cut straight) handling the word of truth

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### New Testament Teaching

- I Peter 3:15
  - Always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you
  - Yet with gentleness and reverence

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### Reasons to teach this again

- Many do not know their Bible!
- Many preachers leave their Bibles in the study when preaching.
- Sunday Schools/Bible Studies attendance
- We need to keep true to the faith and pass it along – the only way we can do it, is to know it, and the only way to know it is to study it!

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### To be a People of the Book

- We MUST learn how to study the Bible.
- We MUST avoid the “entertainment” syndrome and TEACH the Bible.
  - What you win them with, is what you win them to.
- We MUST never reduce the content of required faith to an uncontroversial minimum (“Jesus is Lord”).
  - Doctrinal truth is affirmable. If we’re not sure about true doctrine, let’s study until we are convinced. If we have learned the truth, let’s take a stand on it.

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### To be a People of the Book

- We MUST decide what the essentials of our faith are.
  - I suggest Ephesians 4 as a starting point
  - We must preach, teach and stand firmly upon these essentials, unashamed.
- We MUST avoid the “everybody else is doing it” syndrome and teach the Bible.
  - Bible doctrine stands on the interpretation of Scriptures, not on mathematics.

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### Restore Passion to be COMMITTED to God’s Church

- **Scripture Text: Matthew 6:33**
  - Seek first His kingdom
    - Kingdom in the New Testament is talking about the church
      - Matthew through Acts 1
        - Kingdom is future
      - Acts 2 and following
        - Kingdom is here

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### What Church did Jesus Establish?

- **Facts Regarding the Church Jesus Established**
  - The church was NOT founded by Alexander Campbell. The early restorers “merely called attention to the characteristics of the church of Jesus Christ and sought to restore the New Testament pattern of the church. I belong, not to a ‘Disciples’ Church,’ nor to ‘Campbellite Church,’ but to the church of Christ.”

CC Crawford, Sermon Outlines on the Restoration Plea (Murfreesboro: Dehoff Publications, 1956), 69.

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### What Church did Jesus Establish?

#### • Facts Regarding the Church Jesus Established

- On Pentecost, 3000 people asked what they must do to be saved; they were told to repent and be immersed, which they did; then the Lord added them to the church. What church? The body of Christ, or the church of Christ. Therefore if we today believe in Christ, repent of our sins, and are immersed into Christ, the Lord in like manner adds us to the church. To what church? To the same one – the church of Christ.

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### What Church did Jesus Establish?

#### • Facts Regarding the Church Jesus Established

- What made a Christian in New Testament times will make a Christian to-day. What made a church of Christ in New Testament times will make a church of Christ today. I have no name to offer you but the divine name, no church but the divine body. I pray that you may forsake denominationalism now and become one in Christ.

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### Restore Passion to CONTINUE the Restoration Plea

#### • Scripture Text: Galatians 1:6-10

- A Gospel contrary to what we “you received”
  - Some preach a “different gospel”
    - Which really is not another gospel
    - Person is to be accursed
- Seek the favor of God in preaching
- Be a bond-servant of Christ

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### Restore Passion to CONTINUE the Restoration Plea

#### • Scripture Text: I John 1:1-5

- What we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also
- I Timothy 1:18 – This command I entrust to you
- I Timothy 4:11 – Prescribe and teach these things
- I Timothy 4:16 – Pay close attention to your teaching
- I Timothy 6:20 – Guard what has been entrusted to you
- II Timothy 1:13 – Sound words you have heard from me

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### Restore Passion to CONTINUE the Restoration Plea

- The Restoration plea is not dead
- The Restoration plea was not a mistake!
- My goal is to continue the restoration of New Testament Christianity!
- We must teach the young, and older people alike, the basics of the faith and the restoration plea!
- We who have the passion to restore the church, need to motivate others to have this same passion!

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### Passion to CONTINUE the Restoration Plea

- City of Petra
- Mentioned in Obadiah 3
- Took generations to build structures
- In the church, one generation builds on another – going back to the firm foundation!



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### Restore Passion to CONTINUE the Restoration Plea

- We should never allow our traditions to be the authority
- Let us never forget that the Restoration movement started out of denominationalism
- If the Bible speaks specifically on the subject – let's be bold!
- If it says nothing - and if it glorifies God – let's go ahead and do it!
- We need to constantly be in the process of restoring the New Testament church.

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### Restore Passion to CONTINUE the Restoration Plea

- We need to study the restoration plea to keep it alive
- We should never worship Stone, the Campbells and the others
- Their principles are sound!
- Study their works
- Go visit and relive the past. Study and learn!
- We should learn from their struggles with denominationalism

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## Memory Verse?

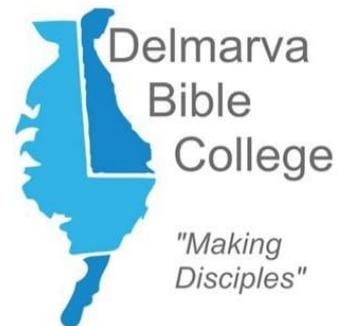
### Jeremiah 6:16



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***Thus says the LORD,  
"Stand by the ways and see  
and ask for the ancient paths,  
Where the good way is, and walk in it;  
And you will find rest for your souls.  
But they said, 'We will not walk in it.'***  
Jeremiah 6:16

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