

Restoration Focus: Thomas Campbell

"If any man speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God ..." 1 Peter 4:11 (NKJV)

Luke 8:11 - What will happen if we _____ the _____ of God's word?

The Efforts Of Thomas Campbell To Restore Christianity

A. His early years:

1. He was born in _____ in 1763. Though his father was in the Church of _____, Thomas was with the _____ Church, choosing to _____ God as it is _____.
2. In 1788, his first son, _____, was born. Thomas worked as a _____ and also ran an _____. He was always upset at the religious _____ he saw.
3. In 1807 he moved to _____ and began preaching in _____. He withdrew because of his views on division. He was a _____ without a _____!

B. His beginnings as a restorer of New Testament Christianity:

1. On August 17, 1809 he and others began the _____ Organization of Washington, determined to be guided by the _____. "Where the Bible _____, we _____; where the Bible is _____, we are _____."
2. In September of that year he published "The _____ and _____", a major document advancing the ideals of restoration.

Principles Thomas Campbell Held That We Should Hold

A. The oneness (unity) of the church:

1. Matthew 16:18 - _____ promised to _____ His _____.
2. John 17:20,21 - He also _____ that His _____ would be _____.
3. Ephesians 4:3,4 - Those who _____ to keep the _____ of the Spirit must acknowledge that there is _____ body.

B. The authority of the Scriptures:

1. 1 Corinthians 1:10 - Christians should all _____ the _____ thing, and have no _____ among them. But how?
2. 1 Peter 4:11 - We must _____ as the _____ of _____.
3. Matthew 18:19,20 - When we _____, we act as a _____ that makes beautiful _____.

Unity is _____, but it must be on the basis of _____.

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