The REAL One True Church

**Reading:** **Acts 20:17-20 & 28-30**

**key to restoration**

Unity was Jesus’ prayer. ***(John 17:20-21) "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, {21} that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you.***

Paul gave the same plea. ***(Ephesians 4:1-3)***

***(1 Corinthians 1:10) Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you..***

***(Ephesians 4:4-6) There is one body, and one Spirit, even as you are called in one hope of your calling; {5} One Lord, one faith, one baptism, {6} One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.***

**Understanding?**

***(Ephesians 3:4) by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ),***

Problem: People don’t **want** to follow the rules alike. ***(John 8:32) And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*** Was Jesus lying?

***(1 Corinthians 2:4-13) And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: {5} That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God***... {12} ***Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. .***

If we all went by the book, what name should we have? ***(Acts 11:26) ... a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.***

(***Romans 16:16) Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.***

***(Acts 2:47) And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved***.

***(Ephesians 1:22-23) And has put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, {23} Which is his body, the fullness of him that fills all in all.***

**Changes Must be made**

Change in intellect by faith. ***(Hebrews 11:6) But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that comes to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.***

Many people preach the “Man” but not the “Plan” ***(Acts 8:30-39)***

Change in our concept of Christ. ***(John 20:30-31) And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: {31} But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name***.

We need a change of will - that’s repentance. ***(2 Corinthians 7:10) For godly sorrow works repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world works death. --- (Acts 3:19) Repent you therefore, and turn again...***

Confession is changing your allegiance & making it known. ***(1 Timothy 6:12) Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and have professed a good profession before many witnesses.***

**final change in restoration – Change of State**

***(Galatians3: 26-27) For you are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. {27} For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.***

***(Romans 6:3) Know you not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?***

***(Galatians 6:1) Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, you which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.***