

BACK TO THE BIBLE

2 Kings 22 and 23

Introduction:

- 1. In the days of Josiah, God's Law was found in the temple.**
 - a. The Word of God had been lost in the house of God!**
 - b. A great movement to restore the true faith resulted.**
- 2. The Restoration Movement is a "Back to the Bible" movement.**
 - a. The religious world has drifted far from the Bible.**
 - b. The greatest need of believers is to go back to the Bible.**

Discussion:

- I. WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE PLEA "BACK TO THE BIBLE?"**
 - A. To go back to the Bible implies the Bible has been left.**

"Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron" (1 Timothy 4:1,2).
 - B. Today there is a maze of denominations teaching conflicting and confusing doctrines because they have left Bible teaching.**
- II. WE MUST GO BACK TO THE CHRIST OF THE BIBLE.**
 - A. Modernists, Unitarians and cults make Jesus a mere man.**
 - 1. He is the virgin born Son of God.**

"Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14).

"So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 'Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which is translated God with us'" (Matthew 1:22,23).
 - 2. He died for our sins, was buried, and raised again.**

"For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3,4).
 - 3. He is coming again to judge the world.**

“When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats” (Matthew 25:31,32).

B. Salvation is possible only through Jesus the Christ.

“Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other Name under Heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

III. WE MUST GO BACK TO THE CHURCH OF THE BIBLE.

A. There is but one church revealed in the Bible.

“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, Who is above all, and through all, and in you all” (Ephesians 4:4-6).

B. Christ is the Founder and Builder of His church.

“And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18).

C. His church wears His Name as a body and individually as members:

“Greet one another with a holy kiss. The churches of Christ greet you” (Rom. 16:16).

“And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch” (Acts 11:26 b).

D. His church worships in spirit and in truth:

“God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth” (John 4:24).

E. His church is made up of autonomous congregations under Christ.

“He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence” (Colossians 1:18).

“So when they had appointed elders in every church, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed” (Acts 14:23).

IV. WE MUST GO BACK TO THE PLAN OF SALVATION IN THE BIBLE.

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A. We must hear the Gospel of Christ.

“Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God” (Romans 10:17).

B. We must believe the Gospel of Christ.

“And many of the Corinthians hearing, believed, and were baptized” (Acts 18:8 b).

C. We must repent of all our sins.

“Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent” (Acts 17:30).

D. We must confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

“And he answered and said, ‘I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God’” (Acts 8:37 b).

E. We must be baptized for the remission of sins.

“Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:38).

Conclusion:

- 1. The greatest need of the religious world is to go back to the Bible.**
- 2. We must obey the Christ of the Bible to be saved.**
- 3. When we obey the Christ of the Bible, we will be added by Him to His church.**