Restoration: A Historical Perspective
44“And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

45“Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.” - Daniel 2:44,45 NKJV
Jesus Taught:

Mark 9:1 – Some Standing Here Will Not Taste Death Before The Kingdom Comes

Matthew 16:13-19 – “Upon This Rock I Will Build My Church . . . And I Will Give Unto You The Keys Of The Kingdom Of Heaven”
On The 1st Day Of Pentecost

• Prophecy Fulfilled
  – vv. 16-21 – Joel 2 – God’s Great And Notable Day
  – vv. 25-28 – Psalm 16:8-11 – David’s Prophecy

• Church Starts – v. 38-40

• Kingdom Rule Begins Thru Apostles’ Binding Authority, cf. v. 42-47 with Matthew 16:18,19
Problems In The Church
Required Letters

- 1 & 2 Corinthians
  - Disunity Through Partyism
  - Taking Brothers To Law
  - Incest
  - Denial Of The Resurrection, etc.
- Colossee – Mysticism, Gnosticism
- Revelation – 7 Churches – With Problems
- Acts 20:28ff – Paul’s Warnings
Roman Church Development
• 175 A.D. – It Was Written That A Bishop Was Different From An Elder, One Bishop Over Elders

• 250 A.D. – Development Of One Bishop Over Diocese

• 606 A.D. – Boniface III – First Universal Head – Pope

• 580 A.D. – Attempts To Add Instruments To Worship Were Rejected

• 660 A.D. – Pope Vitalian Introduced Organs In The Church, but not generally used at that point in time.
After 1000 A.D. – Dark Ages

• By 1100 – Papal Customs, e.g. Holy Water Introduced
• By 1200 – Baptism By Sprinkling
  – A Few Years Later, Sprinkling Dead Infants
  – A Few Years Later, Prayer Thru Mary
    • She Was Deified In 1967
• 1290 A.D. – Marinus Sanutus Added Wind Organs Into Churches,
  — McClintock & Strong vol. 8, p.739
• Only Clergy Had The Bible, No Personal Interpretation Allowed
The Johannes Gutenberg Printing Press - 1454

- Arguably History’s Greatest Invention
- Produced In Mainz, Germany
- First Produced Book: The Bible
The Age Of Enlightenment & The Reformation

- John Wycliffe – 1329-1384, English Reformer
- Jan Hus – 1373-1415, Prague, Czechoslovakia
- Martin Luther – 1483-1546, Germany
- Girolamo Savonarola – 1452-1498, Florence, Italy
- William Tyndale – 1494-1536, English Reformer
- Ulrich Zwingli – 1484-1531, Geneva, Switzerland
- John Calvin – 1509-1564, Another Swiss Reformer
Tottlebank Church

A Church of Christ
—Early As 1669
Fathers Of Congregationalism

John Glas
1695-1773

Robert Sandeman
1718-1771
Robert & James Haldane

• Baptist Ministers Who Brought About Reform In The British Isles

James Haldane
1768-1851
Kirkby Church of Christ

- By 1824 a church after the ancient order was serving the Lord at Kirkby.
- It was 30 years before any hear of Barton W. Stone or Alexander Campbell
Movements Independent Of Stone & Campbell  Part II

Old Philadelphia
Warren Cty. TN
1805

John Taylor
1807-1895

Dr. Chester Bullard
1809-1893

Christian H. Dasher
1789-1866
The Work And Influence Of Barton W. Stone
The Influence Of Thomas & Alexander Campbell

1809, Thomas & Alexander Campbell, Bethany, Virginia

Thomas Campbell
1763 - 1854
Alexander Campbell
1788-1866
Coming Together Of A Movement

• Meeting Of Stone’s Christians & Campbell’s Disciples At Hill Street Church In Lexington, Last Week In 1831

• January 1, 1832 Joined Forces With A. Campbell’s Disciples Movement

• “Let us, then my brethren, be no longer Campbellites or Stoneites, New Lights or Old Lights, or any other kind of lights, but let us come to the Bible, and to the Bible alone, as the only book in the world that can give us all the light we need.” — John Smith

Hill Street Church, Lexington, Kentucky

“Raccoon” John Smith
The Printing Press Contributed To Union

B.W. Stone’s
1826 *Christian Messenger*

A. Campbell’s
1830 *Millennial Harbinger*

Tolbert Fanning’s
1855 *Gospel Advocate*

Austin McGary’s
1884 *Firm Foundation*
Christian Education

- 1834 – Bacon College, Georgetown, Kentucky
- 1840 – Bethany College, Virginia
- 1843 – Franklin College, Tennessee
- 1891 – Nashville Bible School Begins, Later Lipscomb University
Divisions:
1860 Addition Of The Instrument

Adam Hibler Grave
L.L. Pinkerton Grave
Other Things Contributing To Division

• American Christian Missionary Society – 1849

• The Civil War – 1861-1865

• 1866 Christian Standard Begins With Isaac Errett As Editor – Devoted To A More Progressive Approach To Christianity

• 1906 – U.S. Census Records Distinction Between Christian Church & Churches Of Christ
Splintering Continues In The 20th Century

- March, 1917 Major Controversy In The College Of The Bible Exists Over The Subject Of Evolution & Higher Criticism, Leading To A Split In Christian Church, Enter: The Disciples Of Christ
- 1920s Controversies With R.H. Boll Over Premillennialism
- 1930s & 40s Relative Quietness Due To Economic Depression & War
- 1950s To 1970s Battles Over Support Of Institutions/Sunday School/Located Preachers/Christian Colleges/etc.