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And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. -Daniel 7:25











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WHY WE NEED A RESTORATION

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According to the Center for the Study of Global Christianity (CSGC) at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, there are approximately 41,000 Christian denominations and organizations in the world. How did we ever get to that number, when the Bible said that there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism? (Ephesians 4:5) Denominations have fractured that one body creating different doctrinal points which people cannot come to an agreement on. Does the concept of denomination contradict the Bible? Webster's dictionary defines denomination as a religious organization whose congregations are united in their adherence to its beliefs and practices. This means that denominations were created by men, who in fact had a certain religious belief based on their own principles or even their own biblical interpretations that may have differed from others. Further proof that denominations were started by man comes from the very fact that they have confessed to being the founders of their particular denomination.

- (i.e.1517 Martin Luther founded the Lutheran denomination;
- 1534-Henry VIII Anglican;1560 John Knox/John Calvin started the Presbyterian denomination
- 1609 John Smyth founded the Baptist denomination
- 1738, John Wesley founded the Methodist religion; 1794

One of the greatest commandments that these religious founders broke can be found in Revelation 22:17-19 which said "Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it,...Examine the doctrines of these different denominations and you will not only find variation in doctrine among the groups, but you will find contradictions based on their traditions that don't line up with the word of God especially since HE established HIS holy people. (Deut. 28:9)

Today, we need a restoration that will bring us back to the pure uncontaminated word of God. The one faith ,without the walls which now divide us by various founders, must now be governed by one shepherd (John 10:16) Christ commanded the disciples to go therefore and teach all nations...

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. (Matthew 28:19-20).

They did not go out teaching different messages or segregation through denominations. They taught ONE message and ONE faith. It is the nature of Satan and has always been his will to separate man from the Father by the use of deception. (Job 1:7; Revelation 12:9). He is so cunning, the Bible tells us that he has even transformed himself into an angel of light. (2 Corinthians 11:14). Through time, he has used man to change the thoughts of the Father, all while using the very tool (Bible) that was put here to guide us. The bible is correct, however, man's incorrect interpretations has caused him to created new denominations and new doctrines.

Since the mind of God does not change, neither do his ways. (Psalm 78:4; Malachi 3:6) How many times have you heard people state "that's how they did it in the Bible, but we don't have to do it like that anymore?" The truth can be found by searching the ancient path. The Father is even quoted as saying "Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.-Jeremiah 6:16.

This is a clear indication that something has been changed and that the good way can only be found by going back to the pure doctrine that was given to our ancient forefathers.

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