



MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
BLESSED  
NEW YEAR  
FROM THE  
APOSTOLIC COUNCIL



FROM  
**TONY'S**  
HEART  
TO  
YOURS

# REFORMATION TO RESTORATION

As we approach the end of 2017 not many would disagree that this has been a year like few others as continual global political upheaval, natural disasters as the earth groans, and increased terrorism have dominated headlines.

In our COTN family we end the year with mixed emotions - as with sadness we remember those who have gone to be with the Lord, but celebrate their lives well lived.

The good news is that in the midst of all that is happening, there has been great Kingdom increase and victories won. We are winning! More on this later.

As I mentioned in my "kingdom clips" in the last edition of AC Talk, one of the highlights for me in 2017, was in October, visiting Wittenberg, Germany, the birthplace of the Protestant Reformation which occurred 500 years ago. There has been much written, particularly over the last month, on the Reformation. In this article, I would like to view this from a slightly different perspective. This is more from the thought of the Reformation not being an end in itself but the beginning of the restoration process that continues until today. The history of this has been taught in COTN for

nearly 40 years and has been added to as we have continued through this restoration process.

Here's a brief summary of some of this process that started at the end of October in 1517.

DATE	GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL	RESTORATION TRUTHS
1517	Martin Luther	Justification by Faith: Authority of Scripture
1500s	Anabaptists	Believers Baptism: Separation of Church and State
1650	George Fox	Plurality of Elders
	Quakers	Priesthood of all Believers / Body Ministry
1600s	Pietists	Holiness: Apostolic Evangelism
1700s	Moravians	Zeal for Foreign Missions: 24/7 Prayer
	John Wesley	Class Room System – Home Groups
	Methodists	Assurance of Salvation: Social-Consciousness
<b>(This season altered the course of English history as new Wineskins replaced the old)</b>		
1800s	Brethren	Priesthood of all Believers increase
	Finney	2 <sup>nd</sup> Great awakening: Revival: Holiness
1800s late	Booth	Social Care / Need Based Evangelism
1900s	Pentecostals	Baptism in the Spirit: Gifts of the Spirit
1950s	Latter Rain Movement	Vision for Restored Glorious Church
	William Branham,	
	Oral Roberts,	
	Kathryn Kuhlman,	
	T L Osborne and others	Healings and Miracles
1960s	Charismatic Renewal	Baptism and Gifts of the Spirit: Free Worship
	Jesus People	New wineskins: Youth Based Evangelism
<b>(This season released another Seismic shift that altered the wineskin dramatically)</b>		
	E W Kenyon	Faith Principles
	Kenneth Hagin & others	New Creation Mentality
1970s	Apostolic Teams	House church: Organic Church: 7 Mountain's
1980s	Dawn Ministries	Saturation Church planting
	Various	Kingdom Mentality/ The Father Heart of God
1990s	Toronto etc.	Times of Refreshing
2000s	Many	Apostolic Government: Fathers and Sons
2010s	Many	New Wineskins & Kingdom Life
	Many	Kingdom Revolution
2020s		<b>Time for another Seismic shift. Are we ready?</b>

I realize the above list is merely a sample and not meant to be a full teaching on Church History but is given to encourage us that what was started in 1517 with the revelation of "The Just shall live by Faith" continues. We could be fast approaching the day of the restoration of all things that could usher in the return of the King to His kingdom rule on earth.

As I mentioned earlier, we are winning! The prophet Isaiah wrote that the Kingdom of God would know only increase. A group called World Revival Network from Kansas City, reported on the spread of Christianity the following:

By AD 100, 1 out of every 360 people of the world were followers of Jesus

By AD 1000, this had grown to 1 out of every 220.

By 1500, it was 1 out of every 69.

By 1990, the number of followers had risen to 1 out of every 7.

By 2010, It was estimated that with over 7 billion people on the earth, 2.3 billion of these inhabitants, were followers of Jesus {1 out of every 3}.

During the last century there has been great growth in traditionally 'non-Christian' areas such as India, China, Africa, and the Middle East pushing the percentage of Christians on the earth towards 1 out of every 2.

As we approach 2018, may we do so as we have said many times: with faith, hope, and love – realizing, we see the future through hope, we release it by faith, and we maintain it through love.

2000 years ago, 500 years ago, and 50 years ago there were seismic shifts in Christianity on the earth. Let us draw on treasures old and new and embrace this new shift, as we don't move on from, but build upon all that has been restored. When one looks at the 500 years of restoration, one sees the quickening of the process through time so it is no surprise that the prophetic word being released concerning 2018 is, including what we sense God is saying to us as an Apostolic Council, "Acceleration." May it be so!

As you enjoy this season with family and friends, take some time to reflect on that which has gone before and reset your focus on that which is to come.

*Tony*

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