

Restitution and the Reign of Christ

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1. What important key does Acts 3:19-21 provide as to when restitution begins?
2. The Word "Restitution" in Acts 3:21 is from Strong's #605. Look carefully at the root word Strong's #600 – "To reconstitute in health" [i.e. perfection of being], "home" [i.e. environment] "or organization" [i.e. government]
 - a. Do the prophets mention restitution from all three standpoints? Dan. 2:44, Isa. 35:1, Job 33:25 Etc.
 - b. With these answers in mind is there any scriptural authority to limit the definition of Restitution here in Acts 3:21 to only one of the three – i.e. the health (the perfection of being standpoint)?
 - c. What evidence have we seen of the beginnings of 2 of the 3 aspects of restitution (see a.)? Explain.
3. Why does Pastor Russell sometimes refer to Restitution as future and sometimes as past? Do we see these same three aspects as mentioned in question two? Volume 2 pages 197-200; Volume 2 forward page viii, written Oct. 1, 1916; Harvest Gleanings volume III page 865 col. 1, top paragraph, Oct 23, 1916.
4. Is the restoration of Israel to its land an evidence of restitution? Why? Rom 11:11,12; 22-32; Ezek 16:48-51, 55, 60-63; Isa. 2:2-3; Zech 14; C293:2; R5533
5. What time proofs show that the return of the Lord (and thus restitution) began in 1874? How are these time proofs corroborated in multiple ways?
6. How can we claim we are in the times of restitution or that the Lord is reigning when there is so much chaos and evil in the world today? Rev. 11:15-18; Rev. 19:11-16; Psa. 2:1-2,6-9; Psa 97:1-7; Dan 2:44; Dan 12:1; 2Pet 3:7-10
7. As respects Rev 20 there are two difficult areas mentioned. The first is Satan being bound and the second is the phrase, "they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years". How should we understand these two concepts and how can we demonstrate that our understanding is correct and in harmony with the Harvest Message?
8. Discuss the overlapping of the ages and how we can have confidence that these ages do overlap. What do we mean by the overlapping of the Gospel age upon the Millennial age and visa versa, and what lessons in the scriptures show this? Dan 2:44; Matt 24:20; Joel 2:1-11; Psa 46; Matt 13:39
9. Did the Pastor change his mind concerning the reign? Volume 2 forward page viii written Oct. 1, 1916; R6013 and R5989.
10. What is entailed in both setting up the spiritual kingdom and setting up the earthly kingdom? How is this work sequenced and accomplished in God's plan?