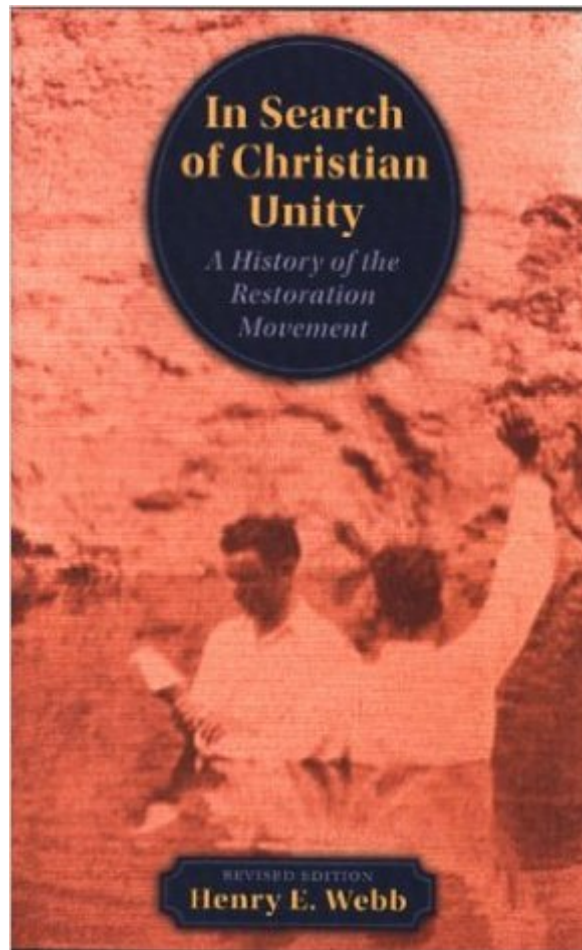


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# In Search Of Christian Unity: A History Of The Restoration Movement



## Synopsis

The decision to publish a revised and updated edition of *In Search of Christian Unity* was reached because the earlier edition was found to be a useful text and resource in numbers of college and seminary classrooms. All texts concerning historical movements and institutions that are of continuing significance and relevance need frequent updating, and it is hoped that the present work will fulfill this need for the Stone/Campbell movement, currently entering its third century. The author has been pleased by the positive reception accorded the earlier edition by historians and students in each of the three branches of the Stone-Campbell heritage.

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Dr. Henry Webb paints a wonderful picture of the rich history of the Restoration Movement. This frontier religious movement in American History produced the Christian Churches, the churches of Christ and the Disciples of Christ. Dr. Webb treats minor characters very well and also the major ones such as Barton W. Stone or Alexander Campbell. I have personally studied under Dr. Webb at Milligan College and feel his knowledge of this movement is unmatched. He was a great lecturer and this book preserves his diligence toward the history of this movement. I would recommend it for all students of American Religious History.

It would be very difficult to write a book about 200 years of Restoration Movement history, not only because of the length of time involved but also the very divergent patterns of its three major streams. The first half of the book deals mostly with Alexander Campbell and is generally well

written. The reader generally gets to see into Campbell's mindset as to why the movement went in directions that it did. Much of the late 19th century is ignored except for a solid chapter on some of the issues that led to the first division, such as open membership, missionary societies, and instrumental music. The second half of the book, however, is not very well-written at all. Most of it bogs down into a very detailed history of the various workings of the increasingly liberal Disciples polity, and how the Christian Standard eventually led others to break off into what is now the 'Independent' Christian Churches. Mr. Webb gives list after list of various individuals who were part of different conventions or congresses; perhaps books like this are why many students find history to be so boring! It almost feels as if he was writing this in order to not leave any names or dates out. Yet in doing all this he essentially ignores non-instrumental churches of Christ in the 20th century.

This book is an outstanding summary of the history of the restoration movement, including fair treatment of all 3 branches. It is very readable, and I highly recommend it.

This book is really good. Lots to learn from the author, Webb, on the Restoration Movement. I would recommend it for sure to anyone wanting to really dig into knowing the movement. Great book.

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