

BIBLICAL REFORM: ASPIRATIONS, PERCEPTION,
AND REALITY

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I. SOME GENERAL COMMENTS

A. Christian Reform

1. Need:
 - a. The career of institutions
 - b. The present situation for example
2. Expression:
 - a. new movements
 - b. renewal
 - (1) revived expressions
 - (2) revivalism
 - (a) conventional
 - (b) charismatic
3. Aim...
 - a. immediate:
 - (1) reestablishment
 - (2) re-emphasis
 - b. ultimate
 - (1) vindication
 - (2) complete renewal

B. The Point of this discussion

1. Well, it began one day when I was thinking about problems in my own church fellowship and read an interesting note about the scientist, Michael Faraday....
2. It seemed that a study of small group Biblical reform might be useful to me and if I could look at a variety of small group methodologies, it might be instructive. Small group...because that's what we are.
3. So our effort is to see what can be learned by a quick analysis of some movements and I caution you now about over/under expectation. I have suffered with both and even now am not happy with my conclusions although I know they need further development
4. For our procedure I have selected three small group reform movements and will take an overview of each and make notes along the line of our title. "Small" is a relative term and I will explain it as needed. Editorializing comments will follow.