## The Restoration of Grace

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19 Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, 20 and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, 21 whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.

ACTS 3:19-21 NKJV

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<sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

περισσον εχωσιν - keep on having an abundance of life

JOHN 10:10

## **Understanding Restoration**

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Restoration is to cause the return to a former condition, by returning what was lost, stolen, removed or destroyed.

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Restitution / Restoration had to be made by the offender for the loss to another

The restoration had to be made in greater measure of quantity and quality than the original loss

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## A message for the deaf and blind

TO THOSE PLUNDERED,
LOOTED AND TRAPPED IN PITS

<sup>18</sup> "Hear, you deaf; look, you blind, and see! <sup>19</sup> Who is blind but my servant, and deaf like the messenger I send? Who is blind like the one in covenant with me, blind like the servant of the Lord? <sup>20</sup> You have seen many things, but you pay no attention; your ears are open, but you do not listen." <sup>21</sup> It pleased the Lord for

ISAIAH 42:18-22

the sake of his righteousness to make his law great and glorious. <sup>22</sup> But this is a people plundered and looted, all of them trapped in pits or hidden away in prisons. They have become plunder, with no one to rescue them; they have been made loot, with no one to say, "Send them back." (Restore them)

ISAIAH 42:18-22

<sup>12</sup> Then the disciples came to him and asked, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?" <sup>13</sup> He replied, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. <sup>14</sup> Leave them; they are blind guides. If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit."

MATTHEW 15:12-14

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<sup>16</sup> "Woe to you, blind guides!

<sup>17</sup> You blind fools!

<sup>19</sup> You blind men!

<sup>24</sup> You blind guides!

<sup>26</sup> Blind Pharisee!

MATTHEW 23

<sup>10</sup> The disciples came to him and asked, "Why do you speak to the people in parables?". . . <sup>13</sup> This is why I speak to them in parables:"Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand.

<sup>14</sup> In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah:"'You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.

MATTHEW 13:10-15

<sup>15</sup> For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.'

Whoever has ears, let them hear - Matthew 11:15, Matthew 13:9, Matthew 13:43, Mark 4:9, Mark 4:23, Luke 8:8, Luke 14:35

MATTHEW 13:10-15

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#### Restoration in Grace and Faith

<sup>7</sup> What shall we say, then? Is the law sinful? Certainly not! Nevertheless, I would not have known what sin was had it not been for the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." <sup>8</sup> But sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, produced in me every kind of coveting. For apart from the law, sin was dead. <sup>9</sup> Once I was alive apart

**ROMANS 7:7-13** 

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from the law; but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life and I died. <sup>10</sup> I found that the very commandment that was intended to bring life actually brought death. <sup>11</sup> For sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, deceived me, and through the commandment put me to death. <sup>12</sup> So then, the law is holy, and the commandment is holy, righteous and good.

**ROMANS 7:7-13** 

<sup>13</sup> Did that which is good, then, become death to me? By no means! Nevertheless, in order that sin might be recognized as sin, it used what is good to bring about my death, so that through the commandment sin might become utterly sinful.

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**ROMANS 7:7-13** 

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#### Lean on Grace

<sup>28</sup> Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

JOHN 6:28-29

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### Ask the Lord

"WHAT IS THE NEXT THING YOU WANT TO RESTORE IN MY LIFE"

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