

God's Restorative Grace

God's grace -his unmerited favor- is shown to us by His great lovingkindness and compassion which moves him to restore individuals, communities, and even nations. Despite our failures, sins, and despite even our rejection of God and his ways, God, in his longsuffering, continues to offer redemption and renewal. He is faithful even when we are not. He is sovereign over all circumstances even when we mess up and fail. He is working out his perfect redemptive plan throughout all of history even when we don't understand or can't see clearly where all of the circumstances are leading.

As we ask God to restore, renew and rebuild us, we must return.

Return to God's word, the gospel
Return to Almighty God our Father
Return to Jesus Christ our Savior

Return to the Word of God, the gospel – the words of life

1Peter 1:23-25 -

you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴ for

“All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers,
and the flower falls,
²⁵ but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

Hebrews 4:12-

¹² For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

2 Timothy 3:16-17-

¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God^[a] may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Proverbs 30:5-

Every word of God proves true;
he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

Psalms 119: 105-

Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

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Return to Almighty God our Father. He is always there waiting to forgive, redeem and rebuild what is broken.

Zechariah 1:3-

Thus declares the Lord of hosts: Return to me, says the Lord of hosts, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts.

Isaiah 44:22-

I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud
and your sins like mist;
return to me, for I have redeemed you.

Isaiah 55: 6-7-

“Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
...let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Psalms 103:8-13-

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
⁹ He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

Hosea 6:1-

“Come, let us return to the Lord;
for he has torn us, that he may heal us;
he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.

Luke 15 — Jesus gives us the beautiful parable of the Prodigal son which is all of us.

Verse 20 says: But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

Return to Jesus our Savior

Matthew 11:28-29-

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Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

John 6:37-

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.

John 14:6-

Jesus said to him, “**I am the way, and the truth, and the life.** No one comes to **the** Father except through me.

Hebrews 4: 14-16-

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Galatians 4:4-7-

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

John 5:24-

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

John 1:4-5-

In him was life,^[a] and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Romans 8:1-2-

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.^[a] ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you^[a] free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Return and find rest and refuge in our great God who is sovereign over all things past, present and future.