

**This is US Series3**  
**"Restored by Love"**

I remember watching a show called "American Restoration" a few times and enjoying the transformation that happened to an old classic car, Coke machine, or barber's chair. It's the same feeling you get when a fixer upper house is given care and investment. At the end of the process, the "reveal" of home is this beautifully restored house, that only the skillful eye of the someone who was gonna love it back to life, could see. Broken things find restoration in love. Being made in the image of God and broken by a choice to disobey God, yields something desperately in need of restoration. This is us! Love sees what broken can once again be. God has a plan that takes what is broken and solves its brokenness. God offers restoration to us. His restoration of us is driven by His love for us.

***Romans 5:1-11 NIV***

*1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,*

*2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.*

*3 Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance;*

*4perseverance, character; and character, hope.*

*5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.*

*6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.*

*7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die.*

*8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

*9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!*

*10 For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!*

*11 Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.*

**Bottom Line – God's restoration of us is motivated by His love for us.**