

RESTORED! | The Promise of Restoration

From the opening pages of Scripture to the final words of Revelation, God is telling one story — a story of restoration. A God who doesn't discard what's broken, but redeems, restores, and heals it. A God who doesn't abandon what's lost, but pursues it. A God who takes weary souls, wounded hearts, wasted years, and restores them to something beautiful. This is the mission of Jesus. This is the heartbeat of the Kingdom. This is the story of Scripture — and it's the story God is writing in you. Let's see what God's Word has to say!

- Acts 3:19-21 | Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of *refreshing* may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. Heaven must receive him *until the time comes for God to restore everything*, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.
- Revelation 21:5 | He who was seated on the throne said, “*I am making everything new!*” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”
- Isaiah 65:17 | See, *I will create new heavens and a new earth*. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.
- Isaiah 61:4 | They will rebuild the ancient ruins and *restore the places long devastated*; they will *renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations*.
- Matthew 19:28 | Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, *at the renewal of all things*, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.
- Titus 3:5 | He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us *through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit*.
- Philippians 1:6 | Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it *on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus*.

Bible Refs: [Genesis 3:8–9](#); [Revelation 21:1–5](#); [Isaiah 65:17](#); [Acts 3:19-21](#); [Isaiah 61:1-4](#); [Luke 4:14-21](#); [Matthew 19:28](#); [Titus 3:5](#); [Philippians 1:6](#) [[SPANISH](#)]

Questions for Reflection

1. What speaks to you the most? What words stand out to you? Is there a key verse?
2. God's first response to humanity's fall was not abandonment but pursuit. His question, “Where are you?” reveals His desire to restore relationship. What does God's pursuit in Genesis 3 teach us about His character and His heart toward broken people? Where do you see God pursuing you in your own story—especially in moments of hiding or fear?

How does recognizing God as the initiator of restoration change the way you view repentance and confession?

3. The Bible ends with a picture of God making all things new—not new things. Restoration is the renewal of God’s original design. How does the promise of a renewed creation shape your understanding of God’s long-term plan for the world? What areas of your life feel most in need of God’s renewing work right now? How does the hope of future restoration encourage you in present struggles or suffering?
4. Acts 3:21 teaches that Jesus will remain in heaven until the time comes for the restoration of all things. Restoration is central to His mission. What does it mean that Jesus’ mission includes the restoration of “all things” rather than just individual salvation? How can the Church participate in Christ’s ongoing restoration today?
5. Jesus describes His return as “the renewal of all things,” pointing to a future where creation is restored to God’s original purpose. How does Jesus’ promise of renewal deepen your hope for the future? What does “Genesis again” mean for how we understand God’s intentions for humanity and creation? In what ways does this promise motivate you to live differently now?
6. Identify one major takeaway from this lesson. What insight did you gain? Summarize it in one or two sentences.

Key Takeaways

Before sin ever entered the world, God had a design — a good design. And even after humanity fell, God didn’t walk away from His original design. He walked toward us. From the garden of Eden to the New Jerusalem, God is restoring what was lost. Restoration isn’t a side project; it’s the mission of God.

- God pursues us to restore us. Restoration begins with His initiative, not our effort.
- God restores His original design. The story of Scripture moves from Paradise lost to Paradise restored.
- Jesus is the center of restoration. His mission is actively unfolding until the renewal of all things. It is His Kingdom agenda.
- Restoration is both future and present. God is restoring individuals through salvation and ultimately all of creation.
- Your life is part of the restoration story. What God does cosmically, He also does personally.

Conclusion

The promise of restoration reveals a God deeply committed to redeeming and renewing all things according to His original design. This restoration is not only a future hope but a present reality in which we participate through Jesus Christ. As you reflect on these truths, may you be encouraged to live with hope, purpose, and active faith, knowing that God’s restorative work is unfolding in your life and in the world around you.