

Restoration Work in Progress

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Phil 3:8 *I count all things but loss to win*

Jn 15:5 *I am the vine ye are a branch*

Jn 15:16 *ye should bring forth much fruit*

1 For the restoration work to progress, we must maintain a *learning* attitude—asking God to change our *words*; our *ways*; and our *responses* that day.

2 Everything we encounter that day is a *lesson* from Him to restore us to the image of His Son.

3 When our repentance is sincere; when our request for help is real; God knows and responds.

4 Our faith and our focus is on the payment made at Calvary—that results in our *obeying* the instructions of Jesus with the responses we make that day.

5 NIV 1 Corinthians 12:27 “*Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.*”

6 The restoration work being done in us progresses as we respond according to the Word. We will be *accepted* into God’s family as His child if we do.

7 He is now our Father who disciplines us because NIV Ephesians 1:5 “*He predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ.*”

8 This *restoration work in progress* continues as we take advantage of our access to God through prayer.

9 This restoring work is *paid for* by the sacrifice of Jesus. AV Ephesians 2:18 “*For through [Christ] both [Jews and Gentiles] have access by one Spirit unto the Father.*”

10 Every difficult situation or person met every day includes asking God to control our *words*; change our *attitudes*; and transform our *wants* to be what *He* wants them to be.

11 If we do this, we move from spiritual *darkness* to spiritual *light*—and the restoration process continues.

12 It was a high price paid for this work to be done—let us never make light of that atoning work of the Cross that AV Colossians 1:13...

13 “*Delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom [attitudes, desires, and responses] of his dear Son.*”

14 Being restored to the likeness, the image, and a duplicate of Christ is made possible through His taking our place on the Cross.

15 Colossians 1:14 “*In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.*”

16 An enormous **price tag** was on this *redemption* and *restoration* work to be done—and Jesus was willing to **pay it** to keep the work progressing—changing both our *outward* appearance and our *inward* heart attitudes as we make our way toward His kingdom.

17 AV Philippians 1:6 “*He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.*”

18 Each day begins by asking God for spiritual *guidance*; asking that He control every situation

we are involved with—that whatever it is, it will have His favor and blessing.

19 We are *serving* God and *following* His Son—NKJV Colossians 2:6 “*So walk in Him, 7 rooted and built up in Him.*”

20 As we keep the *cost* of this restoration work in mind; and we think about how willing Jesus was to pay the price with His own life, we are filled with gratitude and love toward Him since He loved us *so much* that He endured *that much* to make the restoration work possible.

21 With the Spirit of God in our heart, the devil cannot *accuse* us or *confuse* us—because there is NKJV Romans 8:1...

22 “*Now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.*”

23 To walk and talk and treat people “*According to the Spirit*” each day concerning everything, is all part of being *restored to Jesus* by faith—it is a *work in progress*—and no matter what trial we are going through, spiritual *benefit* will result if we *conduct* our life “*According to the Spirit.*”

24 Every life has *purpose* and God’s purpose is that our *life*; our *conversations*; and our *conduct* around every one is “*According to the Spirit.*”

25 We cannot *please* God nor *obey* His Word with anything until we decide that it *must* be “*According to the Spirit.*”

26 Being restored to the life of Christ is an on-going work in process—God is teaching us each day—if we accept the lesson—on how to *respond* and *react* to family, friends, and coworkers.

27 We must make *sure* that this *changing* and *adjusting* of our behavior is not halted or hindered.

28 This *change* may *seem* gradual, but it must be *continual* toward the goal of Christlikeness in *everything*.

29 Whatever God *shows* to us that is not right and needs to be *changed*; *adjusted*; or *eliminated*—whether an *attitude*; an *activity*; a *thought* or a *hobby*, we ask Him to *help* us.

30 NKJV **Philippians 3:8** “*I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ.*”

31 Knowing the *price* Jesus paid to change us to what we must *be*—is the motivation to follow Him.

32 We may go through tough times, but so did He. All the *learning* and *lessons* will be worth it to “*gain Christ*” as our Mentor, Counselor, and Guide.

33 *Faith* is the *key* to enter the new home. These right attitudes and the renovation of our conduct is what we will be *clothed with* when we stand before God.

34 All worldly *attitudes* or unscriptural *activities* are to be taken *off* and *out* of our life—as the restoration work progresses.

35 Wanting to *believe* and *receive* the gift of the Holy Spirit is a *key* factor since unbelievers *cannot* receive that Gift—they walk “*According to the flesh*”—not knowing and not walking any other way because AV **2 Corinthians 4:4** “*The god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not.*”

36 This spiritual work in our heart moves forward each *day* as we take advantage of the continual access to God through prayer for His help.

37 When a trial seems too much for us to deal with in our own strength, we AV **Hebrews 4:16** “*Come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*”

38 We all make mistakes, but *access* to God’s “*Throne of grace*” brings us back to His way and transformed by His Spirit. We just *admit* that we have sinned and we *confess* to God.

39 We have been *born again*, so we do not *want* to *sin again*—at least not deliberately.

40 AV **1 John 5:18** “*Whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.*”

41 As we meet things and treat people in a scriptural way, our light shines on others. We are *light* and *salt* that can make a *difference* in the life of someone.

42 **Matthew 5:16** “*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*”

43 This on-going restoration work in us enables us to be a witness for Jesus. He is now in Heaven and depending on us.

44 AV **Acts 1:8** “*Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me*” wherever we happen to be.

45 Our willingness to follow Jesus in word and ways and manners keeps the restoration work going and progressing every day.

46 AV **Ephesians 2:10** “*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works.*”

47 Satan is always prowling and ready to talk us *out* of obeying the words of Jesus—saying it is *impossible* to maintain that level of obedience, so just accept something *less* than what God has written.

48 If that happens, we tell the adversary NKJV **Philippians 4:13** “*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*”

49 The apostle admitted he was the “*Least of all saints*” AV **Ephesians 3:8**, but God was

willing to *forgive* him and *give* him the ability to allow the restoration work to progress—just as He will forgive us and give us that same ability **Philippians 4:13**.

50 These verses are all about being *transformed*, *restored*, and *empowered* by the Cross, as we are forgiven by His Blood so we can maintain our new identity in Christ.

51 We then ask—*How* does God want me to act? *What* attitude does He want me to have? And *what words* do I use when I join my friends?

52 God wants our *life* to be an *example* for others and the truth of His words to shine through the manner and way we treat the people around us—*wherever* we are and *whoever* we are with.

53 Consider this: we have been *chosen* and have been *appointed* to *act* and *talk* and *decide* in ways that glorify Him—at *all* times!

54 We must *accept* His appointment and *walk* in His Truth every moment of the day. It is a *restoring* process that is always a *work in progress* as we draw strength from the true Vine.

55 **John 15:5** *I am the vine* He says; *we are a branch* He adds. We just live by His words—then He stays *with* us and *in* us.

56 If we will do that, “*the same bringeth forth much fruit.*” With Jesus as the Vine, we can do *all things* **Philippians 4:13** as the *Restoration Work Progresses!*



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