



RESTORATION (Part 1)

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Phil 3:10-11 (NASB)

...that I may know Him and **the power of His resurrection** and **the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;**
¹¹ in order that I may **attain to the resurrection from the dead.**

Q: What is “**the power of His resurrection**” that Paul is talking about?

- The Power of the Resurrection is the **Power to Restore**.

Q: How can you **KNOW** the power of the Resurrection?

- By **experiencing the Restoration** that Resurrection Power brings!

Q: What is the Power of the Resurrection restoring?

1. The **Relationship** God created mankind to have with Him
2. The **Role** God created mankind to fill
3. The **Reality** God created for mankind to live in with Him

How God is restoring our relationship with Him

1st Step: **Turning our hearts** back to God

The Restoration of God’s relationship with mankind is happening in stages... it’s a process. John started the process, getting hearts ready for the Lord by preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom. (Matt. 3:1-2)

- Jesus will finish it when He returns.

Acts 3:19-21 (NLT)

Now **repent of your sins and turn to God**, so that your sins may be wiped away. ²⁰ Then times of refreshment will come from the presence of the Lord, and he will again send you Jesus, your appointed Messiah. ²¹ For he must remain in **heaven until the time for the final restoration of all things**, as God promised long ago through his holy prophets.

Q: Have you really repented of your sins? **YES** **NO**

Q: Has your heart been turned toward God? **YES** **NO**

- Acts 26:20 (NASB) “...they should **repent and turn to God**, performing **deeds appropriate to repentance**.”

- When restoration begins, **you can SEE it!**

2nd Step: Doing away with **the old way of being human**

Rom. 6:1-7 (NASB)

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? ² May it never be! **How shall we who died to sin still live in it?** ³ Or do you not know that all of us **who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?** ⁴ Therefore we have been **buried with Him through baptism into death**, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so **we too might walk in newness of life.** ⁵ **For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection,** ⁶ knowing this, that our old **self** (anthropos) was crucified with Him, in order that **our body of sin** might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; ⁷ for he who has died is freed from sin.

Q: Have you repented and turned your heart to God? **YES** **NO**

Q: Have you been baptized into Christ Jesus? Into His Death? Buried with Him? **YES** **NO**

- If you have, then God has **already started to restore you!**

Col. 3:5-10 (NASB)

“Therefore **consider the members of your earthly body as dead** to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry. ⁶ For it is because of these things that **the wrath of God** will come upon the sons of disobedience, ⁷ and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸ But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, **since you laid aside the old self** with its evil practices, ¹⁰ and **have put on the new self** who is **being renewed** to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him—”

Q: Which kind of human are you? **OLD** **NEW**

Q: What do you need to do today to experience the power of the resurrection? _____