



## SCRIPTURES FOR RESTORATION

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Did you know that the word “restore” appears 136 times in the Bible? The Bible is filled with examples of healing and restoration. It is a consistent theme in both the Old and New Testaments, from Genesis all the way to Revelation. The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines restoration as “a bringing back to a former position or condition.” The promise of restoration offers hope when all else seems to oppose it.

Looking at the biblical theme of restoration provides a foundation for understanding God’s unceasing quest to save His people and restore them to His image.

### ▶ 4 RS OF RESTORATION

I once heard restoration explained as the 4 Rs: Replace, Renew, Revive, and Return.

- **Replace: Ezekiel 36:26**

God replaces our hearts of stone with hearts of flesh.

- **Renew: Romans 12:2**

By focusing on the Bible, our minds can be continually renewed.

- **Revive: Romans 6:4**

Through the resurrection of Jesus, we are given new, everlasting life.

- **Return: Romans 5:10**

Through the saving work of Jesus on the cross, we are reunited with God.

Can restoration happen overnight? Despite our often anxious urgency to be rescued, restoration is a process. The renewing of our individual hearts and wounds, our turning from sin and returning to God, and the restoration of marriages, broken families, and even physical bodies is a continual process. Pray, seek an intimate relationship with God, and surround yourself with others who can help encourage you on your path to restoration.

As you read through the following scriptures on restoration, pause and think about what it means to be restored or experience restoration.



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- **Isaiah 30:15**

This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says:  
“In repentance and rest is your salvation,

- **Jeremiah 30:17**

“But I will restore you to health, and heal your wounds,” declares the Lord, “because you are called you an outcast, Zion, for whom no one cares!”

- **Psalms 51:12**

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

- **1 Peter 5:10**

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

- **2 Corinthians 5:17**

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- **Ezekiel 34:16**

I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

- **Galatians 6:1**

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.

- **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.”

- **Isaiah 40:31**

But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

- **Isaiah 61:7**

Instead of your shame you will receive a double portion, and instead of disgrace you will rejoice in your inheritance. And so you will inherit a double portion in your land, and everlasting joy will be yours.

- **James 5:16**

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

- **Jeremiah 24:7**

I will give them a heart to know that I am the Lord, and they shall be my people and I will be their God, for they shall return to me with their whole heart.

- **Jeremiah 29:11**

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

- **John 3:16**

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

- **Mark 11:24**

Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

- **Mark 8:25**

Then Jesus laid his hands on His eyes again; and he opened His eyes, His sight was restored, and He saw everything clearly.

- **Matthew 11:28**

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

- **Matthew 6:33**

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

- **Psalms 145:14**

The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

- **Psalms 23:3**

He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

- **Psalms 71:20**

You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again; from the depths of the earth you will bring me up again.

- **Psalms 51:12**

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- **Revelation 3:20**

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come into him and eat with him, and he with me.

- **Ruth 4:15**

He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has given birth to him.

- **John 10:10**

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.

- **Ezekiel 36:26**

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

- **Romans 12:2**

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing, perfect will.



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