

The Grace of Restoration

Text: Mark 16:7 Ref: Luke 22:62

"...but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny him before my Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 10:33)

The restoring power of the grace of God. No matter how far you have fallen or how many times you have fallen, you are never too far down to be picked up and cleaned up and given a new start. He's also the God of the f_____ past. Ref: Hebrews 8:12;10:17; Isaiah 43:25; Micah 7:19

How do you experience the restoring power of God's grace?

1. Keep the d_____ open.

Sin is ugly and destructive. There will be consequences. Sin always separates us from God. But I want you to know that your sin will never have more power than God's grace. You can be r_____.

2. Keep the l_____ on.

If you want to experience the restoring grace of God, make sure that you continue to allow his light to shine in your life.

a. Read the Bible. Ref: Psalm 119:105

b. Make an effort to pray. "Pray hardest when it's hardest to pray."

If you don't have the words to pray, work your way through the book of Psalms and say these words to God. DAVID'S PSALMS 107:1-150:6 (PRAY THROUGH DAILY)

c. Get with God's p_____.

3. Keep the fire burning.

There were two things that contributed to the change that occurred in Peter's life between the time of his denial and the time of his victorious ministry in Christ.

a. He got serious about loving Jesus

The fire of the Christian life is in your love for Jesus Christ.

b. Seek the power of the Holy Spirit. Ref: Acts 1:8

You cannot live this life in your own power. Ref: Galatians 5:16; Ephesians 5:18

If you want to be restored by the grace of God, open your heart to the Holy Spirit, ask him to come and fill you with his p_____, with his p_____, so that you can live the life God has called you to live.

God is the God of the forgotten past, and he is the God of the brand-new day.