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God's Forgiveness and Restoration

God's great forgiving power and how he restores us

Introduction:

Act 9: 1 – 9

Saul of Tarsus is blinded on the road to Damascus.

Saul was on a mission of persecution of the new Christians.

He worked for the High Priest in the synagogues.

God had every right to destroy him but he spared him.

We will continue with more of this story later.

What is forgiveness?

Oxford Dictionary Definition:

To forgive: “ stop feeling angry or resentful towards (someone) for an offence, flaw, or mistake”

“to cancel a debt”

Restoration:

Oxford Dictionary Definition:

To restore: “return (someone or something) to a former condition, place, or position”

Restoration examples: A car; Building; Person

God Forgives And Restores:

God Forgives and Restores People

Individuals

Samson: God's gift of strength

Judges 16: 18 – 30

Families

The Day of the Lord - Malachi 4: 4 – 6

God Forgives and Restores a City and a Nation

Nehemiah Rebuilds Jerusalem

Nehemiah 2: 17 – 20

God Forgives and Restores the Earth

Revelation 21: 1 – 4

When God Forgives and Restores, the restoration is better than the original. Original Sin – Adam and Eve

It is free – Jesus paid the price on the cross!

John 3: 16 – 18

Other restorations are paid by you!

Back to the story of Saul or Tarsus

- Ananias questions God's Forgiveness and Restoration of Saul - Acts 9: 10 – 19

- Do we question God's Forgiveness and Restoration of Us? Do we do an “Ananias” on ourselves?

Questioning our own Forgiveness

East to West Story

He Can't Remember Story

The Joy of God's Forgiveness and Restoration