

# **RESTORING GRACE**

Parts 1-2

"Restore us, O Lord, and bring us back to You again! Give us back the joys we once had!" LAMENTATIONS 5:21 (NLT)

# I. WHAT CAUSES BELIEVERS TO FALL AWAY?

## PETER'S DENIAL OF CHRIST - MARK 14:27-72

1.

"Everyone else may stumble in their faith, but I will not!" VS. 29

2.

"Couldn't you stay awake with Me for one hour?" VS. 37

3. \_\_\_\_\_

"Peter followed Him at a distance..."

4.

"Then he sat with the guards and warmed himself at the fire." VS. 54B

## **GOD'S RESPONSE:**

"There is <u>no condemnation</u> for those <u>who belong to Christ Jesus</u>." **ROMANS 8:1 (NLT)** 

## **II. WHY DOESN'T GOD REJECT BELIEVERS WHEN WE SIN?**

1. BECAUSE HIS LOVE \_\_\_\_\_

"God's compassion never ends. It is only His mercies that have kept us from complete destruction." LAMINATIONS 3:22 (LB)

### 2. BECAUSE SALVATION ISN'T BASED ON \_\_\_\_\_

"He saved us, not because of the good things we did, but because of His mercy."

TITUS 3:5 (NLT)

#### 3. BECAUSE JESUS HAS ALREADY \_\_\_\_\_

"When Jesus served as a sacrifice for our sins, He solved the sin problem for God—not only ours, but the whole world's." 1 JOHN 2:2 (MES)

#### 4. BECAUSE JESUS UNDERSTANDS \_\_\_\_\_

"(He) understands our weaknesses, for He faced all of the same temptations we do, yet He did not sin." HEBREWS 4:15 (NLT)

5. BECAUSE GOD DOESN'T \_\_\_\_\_

"God will not <u>constantly accuse</u> us, nor remain angry forever. He has not punished us for all our sins, <u>nor does He deal</u> <u>with us as we deserve</u>...He is like a father to His children, tender and compassionate to those who fear Him."

#### PSALM 103:9-13 (NLT)

"Come back to Me, you faithful children, and I will forgive you for being unfaithful." JEREMIAH 3:22 (NCV)

## III. WHAT SHOULD I DO WHEN I SIN?

*"If you return to Me, I will restore you so you can continue to serve Me."* JEREMIAH 15:19 (NLT)

> "No matter how deep the stain of your sins, I can take it out and make you clean as freshly fallen snow." ISAIAH 1:18 (LB)

"With great compassion I will take you back." ISAIAH 54:7 (LB)

"Restore to me again the joy of your salvation." PSALM 51:12 (NLT)