

# Restoration

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Jesus doesn't just give us good advice about how to live. He gives us **Good News**: because of his life, death, and resurrection God has brought forgiveness, transformation, and hope to our world. Yet that's not the end of the story—He also *applies* this good news to us.

By sending the life-giving presence of **Holy Spirit**, he empowers us to respond. This is called **faith**—trusting Jesus alone for salvation and life. United to Jesus by faith we receive all his benefits by **grace**: God's unmerited favor.



## A NEW RECORD!

We are forgiven of sin and declared righteous because of Jesus' work on our behalf.



## A NEW COMMUNITY!

We are imperfect people joined together for worship, love, and the good of our neighbors.



## A NEW HEART!

God is transforming every part of us (head, heart, and hands), making Jesus and his love our motive and way to thrive in life.



## A NEW WORLD!

God is making all things new. We live in hope of this reality, which we will fully see when Jesus returns.

We receive all this *together*, united to one another in the Church. In the Church Jesus continues to be God-with-us through the witness of the Holy Spirit and the **Bible**.

God's promise to destroy sin will be completely fulfilled at the **return of Christ**. When Jesus returns, all that is crooked will be made straight. Those who have turned to him for grace and been united to Him by faith will enter into the fullness of his redemption—**the New Heavens and New Earth**.

*And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. **They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.** He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" (Revelation 21.3-5)*

## Questions for Discussion

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- 1) If Jesus has accomplished everything for redemption and restoration, what is left for us to do?
- 2) How important is the 'size' or amount of our faith?
- 3) Jesus is making everything new. What are some of the things you are looking forward to seeing made new?