

## *In the Restoration Business*

### *Acts 3:12-26*

The Biblical story can be thought of as a play with 3 acts: Creation \_\_\_\_\_, Creation \_\_\_\_\_, and Creation \_\_\_\_\_, with the centerpiece of God's creation in each act being humanity. Creation Formed is only 2-chapters. Creation Destroyed is only 1. The rest of the Bible—\_\_\_\_\_ chapters—is about Creation Restored. The leader of the restoration project is Jesus Christ, and He promises that when the restoration is completed, you won't be able to tell creation was \_\_\_\_\_.

God invests in the restoration of humanity because the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's creation is not diminished even when severely damaged or disfigured. But humans often turn completely away and even against the \_\_\_\_\_ of the restoration project. This is exactly what Peter's sermon in Acts 3 is about.

One thing damages and destroys lives—the rejection of \_\_\_\_\_ and His \_\_\_\_\_ for us. The Bible says, "All have \_\_\_\_\_."

Our sin has broken our \_\_\_\_\_ with our Creator and Heavenly Father. We need His \_\_\_\_\_. Our sin has made life more difficult and burdened our souls with guilt and regret. We need \_\_\_\_\_. Sin sets us on a path to experience the eternal \_\_\_\_\_ of God. We need eternal \_\_\_\_\_.

God sent Jesus as the restoration project lead. Now, the Bible says if we \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, the restoration begins. His restoration of us \_\_\_\_\_ our need perfectly.

Acts 3 is all about how God is in the restoration business. He restored the lame man's ability to walk, but more importantly, He sent Jesus to restore people, damaged by sin, to their original \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in His plan. His goal is for no one to \_\_\_\_\_ but for all to come to \_\_\_\_\_ and experience His restorative work of forgiveness, revitalization of our souls, and eternal life.

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