

## BEING RESTORED BACK TO YOUR TRUE IDENTITY.

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### 1 Peter 5:10-EMTV

*But may the God of all grace, the One having called you into His eternal glory in Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a little while, may He Himself make you **complete**--He will **establish, strengthen, and firmly ground you.***

1. We were created in **God's image** and with unbelievably high **destiny** and **purpose**.
2. We were given **dominion** over the earth—a rule to be expressed in everything from family relationships to the occupation of Earth and its resources through imaginative improvement. (Gen. 1:28)
3. Our **authority** and **ability** to successfully *put into effect that rule/dominion* would find its source in **continued obedience to** and **worshipful relationship** with our Heavenly Father.

### Romans 5:17-NKJV

...those who **receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life** through the One, Jesus Christ.

**Passion** – 17 Death once held us in its grip, and **by the blunder of one man**, death reigned as king over humanity. But now, how much more are we held in the grip of grace and **continue reigning as kings in life, enjoying our regal freedom** through the gift of perfect righteousness in the one and only Jesus, the Messiah!

### 1 Peter 5:10-NKJV

May the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, ...**perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.**

**Perfect** – to repair, mend, restore, complete.

**Establish** – to make stable, to place firmly.

**Strengthen** – to make strong.

**Settle you** – to place on a firm foundation.

### Nehemiah 1:2-3-NKJV

2 ...that Hanani one of my brethren came with men from Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews who had escaped, who had survived the captivity, and **concerning Jerusalem.**

3 And they said to me, "The survivors who are left from the captivity in the province *are* there in **great distress and reproach**. ***The wall of Jerusalem is also broken down, and its gates are burned with fire.***"

We may have a **life with God**, but sometimes we don't allow the **life of God in us** to bring about change in our everyday living.

Restoration of two things:

- 1 **Rulership** (reigning in life) and recovered **self-control/discipline** (represented by the restored gates),
- 2 **A reconstruction of our self-understanding and purpose** (represented by the rebuilt walls).

### Romans 1:27-AMP

**27** And the men also turned from natural relations with women and were set ablaze (burning out, consumed) with lust for one another--men committing shameful acts with men and ***suffering in their own bodies and personalities the inevitable consequences and penalty of their wrong-doing and going astray, which was [their] fitting retribution.***

**Passion** - ...receiving in themselves the due penalty for their deviation.

### Romans 2:5-6-Passion

5 But because of your calloused heart and refusal to change direction, you are piling up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath, when God's righteous judgment is revealed.

6 For: He will give to each one in return for what he has done.

We need to have **patience** with the rebuilding process that's taking place in our lives.

### James 1:4-ERV

4 ***If you let that patience work in you***, the end result will be good. You will be mature and complete. You will be all that God wants you to be.

The rebuilding stage of Christian life involves these important aspects:

1. **partner** with the Holy Spirit.
2. let Him help you to **identify** your "broken walls and burned gates."
3. **do the work necessary** to rebuild the walls with the help of the Spirit as well as the people He sets you with.