

GOD'S AMAZING GRACE

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Restoring Grace

The LORD is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love. Psalm 145:8

Restore us, O LORD, and bring us back to you again! Give us back the joys we once had!
Lamentations 5:21

What Causes Believers to Fall Away in Their Faith?

(Mark 14:27-72)

Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, one of you eating with me here will betray me." Mark 14:18

Greatly distressed, each one asked in turn, "Am I the one?"

Mark 14:19

I) _____.

- A. "Even if everyone else deserts you, I never will." Mark 14:29
- B. The heart is deceitful above all things... Jeremiah 17:9
- C. If you think you are standing strong, be careful not to fall. 1 Corinthians 10:12
- D. Pride goes before destruction, and haughtiness before a fall. Proverbs 16:18

II) _____.

- A. They went to the olive grove called Gethsemane, and Jesus said, "Sit here while I go and pray." He took Peter, James, and John with him, and he became deeply troubled and distressed. He told them, "My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." Mark 14:32-34
- B. Then he returned and found the disciples asleep. He said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Couldn't you watch with me even one hour? Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak." Mark 14:37-38

III) _____.

- A. Meanwhile, Peter followed him at a distance and went right into the high priest's courtyard. Mark 14:54
- B. Fearing people is a dangerous trap, but trusting the LORD means safety. Proverbs 29:25
- C. If anyone is ashamed of me and my message in these adulterous and sinful days, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that person when he returns in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." Mark 8:38

IV) _____.

Meanwhile, Peter followed him at a distance and went right into the high priest's courtyard. There he sat with the guards, warming himself by the fire. Mark 14:54

What Is God's Response When A Believer Falls Away?

God's Response: _____.

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. Romans 8:1

I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life. 1 John 5:13

God Doesn't Reject Believers When We Sin Because:

- I) His love is _____.
Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.
Lamentations 3:22
- II) My salvation isn't based on my _____.
A. So it is God who decides to show mercy. We can neither choose it nor work for it. Romans 9:16
B. He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. Titus 3:5
- III) Jesus has already taken my _____.
A. For the wages of sin is death... Romans 6:23
B. When he served as a sacrifice for our sins, he solved the sin problem for good—not only ours, but the whole world's. 1 John 2:2 (MSG)
C. Punishment is _____ for the past.
D. Discipline is _____ for the future.
- IV) Jesus understands my human _____.
For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Hebrews 4:15 (NIV)
- V) God doesn't hold on to _____.
A. He will not constantly accuse us, nor remain angry forever. He does not punish us for all our sins; he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve. For his unfailing love toward those who fear him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth. He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west. The LORD is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him. Psalm 103:9-13
B. "Come back to Me, you unfaithful children, and I will forgive you for being unfaithful." Jeremiah 3:22 (NCV)
C. Fellowship is your _____.
D. Relationship is your _____.
- VI) What should I do when I sin? One word: _____!
A. This is how the LORD responds: "If you return to me, I will restore you so you can continue to serve me. Jeremiah 15:19a
B. "Come now, let's settle this," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, I will make them as white as snow. Though they are red like crimson, I will make them as white as wool. Isaiah 1:18