

# Our Need for Restoration

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Ezra 2:1-2, 2:64-70

## The Process of Restoration:

### 1. Recognizing the need for returning to God. (vs 1:1-4)

- a. God wants His people to return to Him.  
God uses a pagan king.
- b. The people were held in Babylonian captivity by Nebuchadnezzar.
- c. A New King was in power.
- d. There is a need today for Restoration.
  1. People are being held captive.
  2. Many have drifted away from God.
  3. We need a fresh relationship.

### 2. We need to return everything to God. (vs 1:7-11)

- a. They have to God what belongs to God.
- b. We must do the same. (Mark 8:34-35)

### 3. Will you be among the faithful remnant. (vs 2:64-67)

- a. Not all returned to Jerusalem. (Isaiah 10:20)
- b. Not all of Israel will be saved. (Romans 9:27)
- c. Today, not everyone will return to God.

(Romans 11:5) (Matthew 7:21-23)

### 4. We need to prepare to worship God. (2:68-70)

- a. They identified the place of worship.
- b. They willfully gave so they could worship God.
- c. We, today, must prepare our hearts for worship.
  1. By giving God preeminence.
  2. By joining with the faithful remnant.