

The "3 Rs" Concept for Christian Living Repentance—Resistance—Restoration

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All of the weekly Sunday morning topics will be based on Scripture and will give us a first-hand look at how the Word of God deals with life in the fast lane.

As in our "M&M" series of Bible studies in 2016, the "Rs" study concept will take us into a series of topics with many of the subject's words beginning with "R".

The 3Rs Concept (as in the letter R) refers to the foundational basic skills-oriented education program taught in most public schools as early as the mid-1800s. The concept centers on the three main elementary foundational skills (reading, writing, and arithmetic) being taught prior to the students moving into the more skilled and specialized level of education.

Although we know that two of the words (writing and arithmetic) do not begin with the letter R, the sound of the first letter in the phrase has a strong R phoneme (sound) at the beginning. It is best understood by observing the great educationalist's, Louis P. Benezet, play on the "3Rs" concept. He claimed the "3Rs" should be "to READ", "to "REASON", and "to RECITE." "Recite" meaning to speak the English language.

In the United States, during the 17th century, the curriculum in the common (elementary) schools of the New England colonies was summed up as the "four Rs" - Reading, 'Riting, "Rithmetic", and Religion.

All of the weekly lessons in our study will be promoting the Three Rs Concept designed to keep the Christian (you and me) on a solid foundation in:

- 1. RESISTING the Enemy's Strongholds and Temptations as We Walk the Trail Called "Life,"
- 2. Learning to REPENT of Our Sins Daily for a Better Foothold in Climbing to the Mountain Top Before We Reach Our Journey Home.
- 3. Preparing for a Total RESTORATION of Our Soul and Spirit (Becoming More Like Jesus).

Some of the Weekly Titles to the Biblically Based Subject Matter will be as stated below:

- Restoring and Rescuing the Rebel in a Rebellious Society
- Rest, Relaxation, and Rewards for Running the Race with Minimal Regrets
- Resisting the Evil Influences in a Ruthless and Restless World
- Remember Your Reputation During a Tempting Relationship
- Regrets, Rejections, Reminders, Reform, and a Renewed Mind Are On the Access Road to the City of Restoration
- Rejoicing When You have been "Ripped Off" by the Rotten World of Racketeers
- Revival Will Bring Rain in the Dry Season and Rejoicing in a Rocky Relationship
- Reading and Riding a Horse at the Same Time Will be a Rough Ride for the Roughest, Toughest Rider. (Yes...There are Scriptures Backing this!)
- Roping a Reindeer Might Be Easier than Roping a Rhinoceros. (Yes... There are Scriptures Backing this!)
- Retiring, Refiring, Repairing, and Refining Are Positive Forces in Our Restoration Process for Living Life with a Robust Outlook.

Join us for a Ride of a Lifetime...Relying on Our Risen and Righteous Savior as He Refines our Lives for the Journey Heavenward!