## **NEW HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

## **Topical Study: SIX STEPS to BIBLICAL RESTORATION**

## \* What is BIBLICAL RESTORATION?

To RECEIVE back more than that which has been LOST to the point that the LATTER is greater than the FORMER (Isa. 43:18-21;Haggai 2:5-9)

**1.** To RECOGNIZE FAILURE. • As long as a person can rationalize their **BEHAVIOR** as anything other than what it is, they will never be WILLING to take the next step of ACCEPTING **RESPONSIBILITY**. (1 Sam. 15:24-26; 1 John 1:8)



**2.** To ACKNOWLEDGE **RESPONSIBILITY.** • That doesn't mean someone else wasn't involved but in the final analysis the person CHOSE to SIN. And claiming proper responsibility is essential to **RESTORATION**. (Ps. 119:69-72)

3. To be LED to REPENT •Through the conviction of the Holy Spirit our **THINKING** must CHANGE FIRST and then our **ACTION** (Behavior) will follow. (Rom. 12:2)

4. To understand the NECESSITY of RESTITUTION.

• Go to the one offended and ask for FORGIVENESS. Because ALL of us are recipients of GRACE. Therefore, we must never cause a fallen saint to be defeated by staying in their **GUILT**.

(Gal.  $\overline{6:1}$ ; Acts  $3:\overline{19-21}$ )

5. To RECEIVE God's WORD. • In the **RESTORATION PROCESS** we must **LEARN** and **UNDERSTAND** that FAILURE is only UNPROFITABLE when we refuse to LEARN from the experience. If we LEARN and GROW, we have not **FAILED** but instead taken the opportunity to LEARN more about ourselves and about our GOD. (Ps. 119:103-106)

6. To RESPOND to God's CHASTISEMENT. • We must always remember GOD is our LOVING **FATHER** and He **DISCIPLINE** us because HE LOVES US. (Heb. 12:5-11)