

# PASTOR DOUGLAS A WHITE "BEING A RESTORED HUMAN"

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- 3. A personal relationship with God in His personal presence v. 34
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- (Ez 36) 5. New soft <u>hearts</u> with a new <u>spirit</u>, a gift from His own Holy Spirit v. 26
  - 6. God will put the Holy Spirit in them v. 27
  - 7. They will live and gloriously prosper in the land of promise having been brought there from all the lands to which He had scattered them; they are to be <u>regathered</u> vv. 28-38
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  - C. The apostles became the <u>ministers</u> of the new covenant 2 Cor 3:6
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