

REVIVAL IS NEEDED

Psalm 85:6 Ezekiel 37:9

Introduction: Remember those cool breezes that came and went during the hot summer days? Then those brisk breezes that started in the fall time of the year? We knew that changes were coming. Nature knew changes were coming, that leaves would be turning, animals hurrying to store up food for the winter time, more farm animals becoming more lively as well.

Revival is also a time of change, of quickening, a time of impartation of life, a time of visitation of God upon His Children. God comes to stir up His Children, to give them a renewed energy, vigor, to give life and to speak to the lost, the unsaved. What happens when God brings Revival?

I. THE PASTOR IS FIRST TO BE REVIVED

1. His love for souls is renewed, a new perspective is given.
2. His love for God's Word is recharged, revived, renewed.
3. He has a renewed power and freedom in the pulpit when he preaches.

II. THE CHURCH, GOD'S CHILDREN, IS REVIVED NEXT

1. Members begin to give Jesus the proper place in their lives.
2. Members come out from the world and back into serving the Lord as they should have been.
3. They have a new spirit of prayer as it takes on it's proper and rightful meaning.
4. They begin to go out where the lost are and witness to them, they have a new concern for the lost.
5. Their joy in serving the Lord and their Church is revived.
6. They have a renewed love for the Word of God.

III. THEN THE LOST, THE UNBELIEVERS, ARE AFFECTED

1. When God's Children are revived, they go to the lost with the Gospel and the lost are convicted of their sin and "revival" begins to happen with the lost.
2. Conversion and regeneration follows the lost being convicted of their sins. Whenever God's people are refreshed, sinners are saved.
3. Remember Pentecost? God's Children were revived, filled with the Holy Spirit and over 3,000 souls were saved in a single day.
4. If God's Children have revival, then the lost will be saved also.

IV. WHY IS REVIVAL NEEDED?

1. Do you need refreshing? Is all well between you and God? Are you at your best for God? you witnessing to the lost? See, you need refreshing and so does everyone else..
2. The spiritual life of most Churches is one of sickness. The members are worldly, prayerless, neglecting God's Word, lacking generosity, disregard of the Lord's Day, involved with worldly thoughts, morals, lack loyalty and devotion to the Lord.
3. Look at our communities and our country, they are sin-sick!
- There is no conviction of sin, unbelief is rampant, sick programs on television, filthy literature, no family morals, immorality all around.

CONCLUSION:

1. Revival is needed! A wind from God is needed to stir us up, to cleanse us, to set us on fire for the lost.
2. Communities need the effects of a God-sent revival. The lost need to be saved, the back-slidden Christian needs to be reclaimed and revived.
3. What must be done? PRAY, PRAY, PRAY! Pray until the Spirit of God comes and revives God's people.