

Crossroad of Truth

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How Can There Be Revival?

1. Deep conviction of sin and repentance
2. Am I grateful?
3. Do I love the Bible?
4. Do I spend time in prayer?
5. Do I have small sins to bring up with God?

How Can There Be Revival?

Revival is

1. NOT a church campaign
2. NOT dependent on human leadership or sermons
3. NOT limited to time

How Can There Be Revival?

Revival is a result of

1. A price paid
2. Travailing in prayer
 - Mark 11:22-25
3. Preaching The Word
 - God's word is a hammer, fire, and sword
 - Jer 23:29; Heb 4:12
 - Always preaching on Sin, Salvation, Heaven, Hell, and Eternity
 - Must work in the anointing of the Holy Spirit
 - Acts 1:4, Luke 24:49

Travail in Prayer

Matt 11:22-25

So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, **whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.**

“And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.

Preach The Word Of God

Jer 23:29

“Is not My word like a **fire**?” says the Lord, “And like a **hammer** that breaks the rock in pieces?”

Heb 4:12

For the word of God is **living and powerful**, and sharper than any two-edged **sword**, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Anointing of the Holy Spirit

Acts 1:4

And being assembled together with *them*, He (Jesus) commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “**which,**” *He said,* “**you have heard from Me;**

Luke 24:49

“Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.”

Signs of Revival

1. What does revival look like?
2. Mr. Amen and Mr. Teary Eye
 - Charles Finney on Revival

Revival: 1. Conviction of Sin

One thing that was always prominent in the great Revivals of past generations was a deep and true conviction of sin

Convict translated means “to convince someone of the truth; to reprove; to accuse, refute, or cross examine a witness.” The Holy Spirit acts like a prosecutor, exposing evil, reproofing sinners, and convincing people they are guilty, lost, and in need of a savior

Only God is able to give you a broken and contrite heart, a sorrow that will result in confession and give you the power to overcome sin.

There can be no salvation without conviction of sin. Conviction often include a cry for mercy after a deep searching of the heart to see their sins and how they have dishonored God.

John 16: 8-9

“And when he has come (the Holy Spirit), He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgement of sin, because they do not believe in Me.

Revival: 2. Repentance

Repentance is “to change one’s mind” which will result in a change in behaviour that includes turning from sin.

Repentance and faith go together because it’s impossible to put your faith in Jesus Christ as your saviour without first changing your mind about who He is and what He has done for us.

For the unsaved sinner, repentance is changing your mind from rejecting Jesus Christ by putting your faith in Him as Lord and Saviour, and believing in the Gospel. Salvation is by faith alone (Ephesians 2:8-9).

For the professing Christian, repentance entails more than just a change in mind, but a renunciation of the sin, which requires both a willingness and determination to overcome the sin.

- Psalm 66:18 “If I regard iniquity (sin) in my heart, the Lord will not hear me”
- 2 Chronicles 7:14

Revival: 3. The Holy Spirit

There must soul-anguish and a deep conviction of sin, which are all done by the Spirit. Nothing but prayer of faith will avail sin. Unless we are right in the sight of God, unless sin has been put away, we may pray until doomsday, and the Revival will never come.

- "Your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you so that He will not hear."
(Isa 59: 2)

God is the one who saves souls. We can only truly help others to see their wrong ways with the help of God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

Revival: 3. The Holy Spirit

When the Holy Spirit is at work people naturally turn to the Bible. There is greater knowledge of the Bible imparted than any other time. Bible teaching without evangelism will result in stagnation. Evangelism will always produce bible study, inspire and bless others.

There is more bible teaching, more soul winning, and more people inspired to study the word of God in Revival and Evangelism than any other time.

Why Shoul We Be Filled By the Spirit?

1. Power over sin
2. Power in service

How To Live a Spirit Filled Life?

To be filled with the Holy Spirit, to receive POWER over sin, and POWER in service:

1. Confession and renunciation of sin - done daily
2. Obedience and dedication - bible, prayer, forgiveness
3. Surrender - time, money, self (Matt 16:24)
4. FAITH - child like faith in Jesus; don't fear, just believe

Review Darryl McKinnon's "The Spiritual Journey"

Revival: The Holy Spirit

Joel 2:15-17

The prophet called for a prayer meeting. Sin has been confessed and forsaken.

Now they can pray. And they are to entreat God for His own name's sake, lest the nations say, "Where is their God?" They are dead in earnest now and their prayer is going to prevail. Listen! "Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: gather the people, sanctify the congregation; assemble the elders, gather the children.

Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, "Spare Thy people, O Lord, and give not Thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, "Where is their God?"

Revival: 4. Travailing in Prayer

Conversion is done solely by the Holy Spirit.

Prayer is the power that secures that operation. Souls are not saved by man but by God, and since He works in answer to prayer we have no choice but to follow the Divine plan. Prayer moves God's arm that moves the world.

It must be believing prayer, prayer that expects *

If God stirs up hearts to pray for a Revival it is a sure sign that He wants to send one and He is always true to His Word. "There shall be showers of blessing." His promises never fail.

Do we have we faith? Do we expect an Awakening?

Revival: 4. Travailing in Prayer

We plead first as King David did when he cried, "Search me, oh God, and see if there be any wicked way in me." No sooner will the obstacle of sin be taken out of the way than God will come in mighty revival power.

How fervently did the prophets of old urge us for a life of prayer.

- "Ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence, and give Him no rest, till He establish, and till He make Jerusalem a praise in the earth." (Isa. 62:6-7)

This was the common practice of the Early Church.

- When Peter was in prison he said that "prayer was made without ceasing of the Church unto God for him," and "many were gathered together praying."

Revival: 4. Travailing in Prayer

Case Example

D.L. Moody, a famous evangelist from Chicago went on vacation to England. He wasn't planning to do any preaching; he was on a sabbatical. But he met a preacher there who said, "Mr. Moody you're so well known, would you come and speak at our church?" So he went to preach the next Sunday morning.

That afternoon Moody wrote in his journal that they were the deadest crowd he had ever seen and that the only thing worse than preaching to those people was that he had promised to go back that night and preach again. But he went back that night, and about halfway through the sermon something happened.

Revival: 4. Travailing in Prayer

The people started to come to life, and he felt compelled to ask if anyone there would like to become a Christian and a lot of people stood up. He didn't know what to do. So he said, "Maybe you don't understand what I am asking. So when we are dismissed if you want to become a Christian come over to this little room and meet with me." When the service was over, he went to the room and it was packed. Moody said to the minister, "What does this mean?" He said, "I don't know. But I think you need to preach again tomorrow night."

Revival: 4. Travailing in Prayer

The next day Moody got on a train and went to Ireland to continue his vacation. But when he got off the train there was a memo that said, “Come back. Revival has broken out.” So Moody got back on the train, went back to that church and preached 10 straight nights. And 400 responded to the invitation.

Moody couldn't understand. Those people were dead, and something changed it. What happened was that an 80 some year old invalid widow named Mary Ann Adelard had read one of his sermons in the newspaper and had started praying every day that God would bring D. L. Moody to her church. That is revival praying.

Revival: 4. Travailing in Prayer

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- Oswald J Smith on Travailing in Prayer

Revival: Prevailing in Prayer

Prayer was appointed to convey

The blessings God designs to give;

Long as they live should Christians
pray,

For only while they pray they live.

And shall we in dead silence lie,

When Christ stands waiting for our
prayer?

My soul, thou hast a Friend on high;

Arise and try thy interest there.

If pain afflict, or wrongs oppress;

If cares distract, or fears dismay;

If guilt deject, if sin distress;

The remedy's before thee — Pray!

Depend on Christ, thou canst not fail;

Make all thy wants and wishes known.

Fear not; His merits must **PREVAIL**;

Ask what thou wilt; it shall be done!

— Joseph Hart.

Questions to Ponder

- Am I burdened for lost souls?
- Do I love to pray?
- Has my desire for the world gone?
- Do I hate sin?
- Am I filled with joy and the love of God?
- Do I get my prayers answered?
- Is there any hidden thing, any secret sin, or am I holy in heart and life?
- Have I spiritual discernment?
- Am I able to detect a Holy Spirit sermon?
- Can I tell when people are spiritual?
- Do those at home believe in me?
- Am I truly representing Christ?
- Will people get a right view of Him from my life?
- Am I willing to let God search and try me?
- Is there anything false about my experience?
- Have I the clear witness of the Holy Spirit?
- Does my life magnify Jesus Christ?