

GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Revive My Spirit, Lord!

"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." (II Chronicles 7:14)

Introduction: We are living in a world that desperately needs to turn to God. We were once a country that trusted in God now we are a country that trusts in the dollar that prints "In God We Trust!" Just a few generations ago in the church we experienced a great restoration movement. Then for nearly one hundred years the church experienced unprecedented growth that could only be compared to that of the first century. But it is so easy to become stagnant and complacent. D.M. Paton said, "Revival is the inrush of the Spirit into the body that threatens to become a corpse." Even in our own spiritual lives we can feel dead, dying, or discouraged. Sometimes we just need to be revived. How can we be revived? Let's study together about revival

Discussion:

I. Revival Will Come When There Is Security

I John 5:13 says, "These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God."

II. Revival Will Come When There Is Transformation

Romans 12:1-2 says, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

III. Revival Will Come When There Is Humility

Luke 9:23 says, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me."

IV. Revival Will Come When There Is Dedication

I Thessalonians 5:16-19 says, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit."

V. Revival Will Come When There Is Repentance

Acts 3:19-21 says, "Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began."

VI. Revival Will Come When There Is Forgiveness

I John 1:8-9 says, *"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*

VII. Revival Will Come When There Is Healing

Psalms 51:10-11, 17 says, *"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me by Your generous Spirit. . . . The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart-- These, O God, You will not despise."*

Conclusion: Dwight Moody said, *"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And that which I can do, by the grace of God, I will do."* John Wesley said, *"Give me 100 preachers who fear nothing but sin and desire nothing but God, and I care not a straw whether they be clergymen or laymen; they alone will shake the gates of hell and set up the Kingdom of Heaven on earth."* Charles Finney said, *"There can be no revival when Mr. Amen and Mr. Wet-Eyes are not found in the audience."* Have you been saved? Are you ready for revival? Will you allow God revive and renew your spirit?