

Revival Begins With Me

Revelation 3:14-22

Introduction

- A. Often hear people speak of & pray for revival
 - 1. Want church to grow – people to get excited for the Lord
 - 2. Want to see excitement build among God's people for evangelism
- B. Question – how does this revival begin?
 - 1. Perhaps through intense prayer – enthusiasm & energetic Christians - some activity of the Holy Spirit etc.
 - 2. However we might answer – begins with us personally
 - 3. Reason – God created us to rule over His creation
 - a. We have a say in what goes on upon the earth
 - b. Satan corrupted that concept
 - c. Jesus came & changed all that
 - d. Given us the privilege to again rule as God intended
- C. Our cooperation with God determines outcome of events on earth

I. God Desires Christians To Be Fervent

- A. **Revelation 3:15-16**
 - 1. Want you either - really turned on or turned off
 - 2. None of this in between stuff – Hot or Cold
- B. Why does God desire for us to be fervent
 - 1. Unless really turned on for the Lord = changed life no difference between you & world
 - 2. If no difference = no conviction
 - 3. **Romans 6:1-3** – a drastic change has happened in you
 - a. No longer a slave to sin
 - b. To continue to live as a slave is foolishness = useless
- C. Areas need be fervent in
 - 1. Dealing with our personal sin
 - a. **Romans 12:9**
 - b. **Ephesians 5:3-8**
 - 2. In our love for mankind
 - a. **1 Peter 4:8**
 - b. **John 13:34-35**
 - c. **Colossians 3:12-14**
 - 3. In our service to God
 - a. **Colossians 3:23-24**
 - b. Joseph in OT
 - 1) Best slave Potiphar had (trustworthy – in charge)
 - 2) Best prisoner – soon ran prison
 - c. Our life purpose = serving God in His kingdom

4. In prayer
 - a. **James 5:16** – fervent prayer of righteous is powerful
 - b. **Luke 18:1**
 - c. Why Pray
 - 1) **James 4:3**
 - 2) **1 John 5:14-15**
 - d. Want to keep self from God's benefits = don't pray

III. How Do We Develop This Fervency

- A. Have an intense love for God & His will
 1. Greatest command – **Matthew 22:37**
 2. A love that is far beyond selfish interests
 - a. **Philippians 2:5-7**
 - b. **Philippians 1:21**
 - c. **Galatians 2:20**
 3. Love so strong – willingly sacrifice anything for His will be done
- B. Deep commitment to Jesus
 1. He is Lord, Master, King, Sovereign in my life
 2. **Luke 14:33** – renounce everything for Jesus
 3. My faith be far more than words – a way of life
 4. Absolutely no other place to turn – only way!
- C. Develop a servant's heart
 1. Attitude – want my master to succeed
 2. His success is what I live for
 3. Willingly accept any assignment He gives me
 4. Will be faithful to Him regardless the results

Conclusion

- A. Remember Jesus' words – want His followers to be either cold or hot
 1. Anything else makes His sick
 2. Question – where are we in this picture?
- B. **Revelation 3:19-20**
- C. Revival begins with us – our fervency, determination & commitment
- D. Invitation