

~OUR REVIVAL HERITAGE~

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Thoughts on Revival
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Part 1

Today is Sunday, January 2nd, 2011. This is the first Sunday of a brand new year. As a church, we are starting the “new year” seeking the Lord in the spirit of revival.

What is revival?

Revival is for the church. Revival is for the children of God. Revival is not evangelism. Revival is to renew or to awaken from sleep.

Revival is for restoration. It is to be “vived”, to be alive or awake. We are warned in the Bible that Christians, churches, and even nations can go back on God! This backsliding is the result of spiritual coldness or carelessness.

Revival is a time of brokenness and even desperation for the Spirit of God to visit our hearts in conviction. It is a prayer for God to grant us the faith to believe, not only in forgiveness, but the power to spiritually repair and restore our first love for holy things!

Revival is that work hidden in the heart. Out of the sight of men, yet in the light of God. Sometimes like a spring rain to parched ground, and other times like a burning fire across a cold landscape.

Part of the history and heritage is for the children of God to believe God for a spiritual awakening.

The Church was born in the fire in the book of Acts! We cannot survive in the smoke of religious ritual. We must have a restored fellowship with Jesus. A relationship, not a ritual, is the heart cry of the Redeemed!

It is repent or perish! It is revival or removal! Only one church generation needs to go to sleep spiritually or grow lazy and careless, and the Church would be reduced to memories!

No longer a life-saving station, but a museum of what we used to do! Songs and testimonies of how we served God in the past and what mighty things we did years ago!

What about today?

What about our children and our grandchildren?

Will we just leave them a building with religious habits and rituals?

Or, will we be broken before God in prayer? We can claim II Chronicles 7:14. The Book is still God's Word! It is alive and sure. We can claim these promises for our country, our community, and our church!

Revival is YOU doing business with God. It is not next week or tomorrow, but today. A desperation...I need the Lord NOW!

This is your time for revival! This is time for God to heal lives, families, and marriages! The miracle of what happens when God sends a "REVIVAL"!

Let's agree together to pray each day for revival.

Let's agree to read God's Word and claim His promises.

Let's fulfill the part of God's Word which declares...

"In one place"

"At one time"

"In one accord"

Pray for revival for this generation!

You are loved,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor". The letters are cursive and fluid.

Pastor Ralph Sexton

