

Revival
The Presence of God
Part 1 of 4
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I. Introduction

- a. Revival is derived from the prefix “re-“and “vive” (live).
 - i. Therefore revival means to live again or to bring to life again.
- b. During revival, dreams and relationships that were once dead or dying can be brought to life again.
- c. Revival is a movement that happens inside us first.
- d. Then it spreads throughout the church and then throughout the nation.
 - i. Revival is a time to ask for what’s new instead of what’s next.

Isaiah 61:1-7 (NIV)

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,
²to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,
³ and provide for those who grieve in Zion—
to bestow on them a crown of beauty
instead of ashes,
the oil of joy
instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise
instead of a spirit of despair.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the LORD
for the display of his splendor.

⁴They will rebuild the ancient ruins
and restore the places long devastated;
they will renew the ruined cities

that have been devastated for generations.
⁵ Strangers will shepherd your flocks;
foreigners will work your fields and vineyards.
⁶ And you will be called priests of the LORD,
you will be named ministers of our God.
You will feed on the wealth of nations,
and in their riches you will boast.

⁷ Instead of your shame
you will receive a double portion,
and instead of disgrace
you will rejoice in your inheritance.
And so you will inherit a double portion in your land,
and everlasting joy will be yours.

II. Revival's Key

- a. Revival is inspired by the presence of the Holy Spirit.
- b. When the Holy Spirit is present, He is in us, with us and upon us.
- c. When the Holy Spirit is upon us, our lives and nature changes.
 - i. The Holy Spirit gives us the inner strength and healing to do things that we could not do through our own abilities.
 - ii. The Holy Spirit is our constant presence where we are never alone, forsaken or forgotten.
 - iii. With the ability and presence of the Holy Spirit, we are empowered to perform the work of the Lord on the earth with boldness.
- d. To experience revival, we must carry, long for, hunger for and revere the presence of God.
 - i. Therefore, it is imperative to spend time daily in God's presence and seek the presence of God for every action, answer or decision.

Acts 2:41 (NKJV)

Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added *to them*.

Acts 5:15-16 (NIV)

As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. ¹⁶ Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed.