

Sunday, January 15, 2023
PERSONAL REVIVAL
PART 1: Revelation of Revival

Today, we begin a journey into revival. Revival is linked to the movement of the Spirit. But what does a move of the Spirit look like? Do we have to wait on something from God or do we open ourselves up to what God has already done? We will journey into three elements of revival. As we do so, the Spirit will provide the power needed to take you into a personal revival of your life.

Ephesians 1:15-21 (NIV)

One thing that this scripture tells us: *The magnificent force that overcame death is at work in the hearts and minds of those for whom Jesus died.*

While we are looking to a coming Kingdom, we are also living in the reality of the present Kingdom. We may not be aware of His presence, but that's our fault, not His. When we gather as a corporate body in our church, He is there. He is here, bringing all parts of the whole together. When we are alone in our moments of crisis and need, He is there, reminding us, if we will let Him, that sealed tombs are no match for His creative power. Sinful hearts, too, are no match for Him. Whatever frustrates us in this world, He has overcome it. We can live with that blessing not only in the future physical resurrection but also in the present spiritual one. You see: *Revelation is intricately linked to revival.*

Before you can be saved, you must know that you are a sinner, and that Jesus came to save sinners. As far as those who are already believers are concerned, our prayer is that God may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better.

Knowing Him is the key to living in a state of constant revival.

The scripture says that the eyes of our heart need to be enlightened. It is in the heart that true submission takes place – not in the mind. We can know that someone has power over us in our mind and still be in rebellion against them in our heart. The heart is the seat of passion. The mind is the seat of knowledge. You can know that something is written down, but it does not become wisdom in you until your heart directs your course.

Knowing in your “knower”.

- The “knower” is the seat of wisdom. Decisions are made there based upon what is alive inside.

Jesus and His Word must be alive in our “knower”. If so, then we can be in a state of revival regardless of what is going on around us. When we are in a state of personal revival, we don’t have to go looking for revival, it is alive in us. And revival is contagious. So often, we look for a move of God around us so that we can fill the lack within us. This year, we are going to tap into what God has done for us so that we can live in a state of personal revival and pass that revival on to others.

This year, we are going to stop blaming others for our spiritual state. We are going to open our hearts up to the Lord and to others. Our goal this year is love. In the coming weeks, we embrace three elements of revival:

1. Hope
2. Spiritual Inheritance
3. Resurrection Power

Today’s Scriptures:

- Ephesians 1:15-21 (NIV)