

## Ready for Revival

Jesus told us to build our life on His word by doing it, not just knowing it. This is the commitment of a heart that genuinely wants to work in our midst. Such a commitment is preparing us for revival.

Scripture(s): Joel 1-2, Amos 5

I. The first way that God's people prepare to receive genuine, Spirit-led revival is to notice their condition! Christians, it is up to us to listen to the voice of God for the lost do not often hear it!

Joel 1:2-13

II. The second way that God's people prepare to receive genuine, Spirit-led revival is by calling one another to respond. God's people must prepare for the Day of the Lord for it can be both a glory and a horror for us. Joel 1:14 - 2:2; Amos 5:18-20

✓ Take a long look at where you are compared to where you understand that Jesus wants you to be.

III. The third way that God's people prepare to receive genuine, Spirit-led revival is \_\_\_\_\_ their sins and struggles. If Christians are going to be salt and light, the focus of their discipleship must be on themselves and not on those in whom they have no \_\_\_\_\_.

Joel 2:12-17; 1 Peter 4:12-19 ... 15 Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler; 16 but if anyone suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name. 17 For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? 18 AND IF IT IS WITH DIFFICULTY THAT THE RIGHTEOUS IS SAVED, WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE GODLESS MAN AND THE SINNER? 19 Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.

✓ Identify the specific sin or struggle that \_\_\_\_\_ at your commitment to follow Jesus whole heartedly.

IV. The fourth way that God's people prepare to receive genuine, Spirit-led revival is to \_\_\_\_\_. When God speaks to our hearts, it is time to \_\_\_\_\_ not time think some more.

Amos 5:4-15; Romans 12:9-21 9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; 11 not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; 12 rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, 13 contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality. 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. 16 Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation. 17 Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men. 18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men. 19 Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord. 20 "BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM, AND IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

✓ Hate the evil that is in you enough that you \_\_\_\_\_ from it.

Remember this - We are ready for revival when we stop using the failures of others to \_\_\_\_\_ our own.

Our challenge: Prepare for revival by starting down the path with God \_\_\_\_\_.

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"Emmanuel" 82

"Come, Thou Long  
Expected Jesus" 77

"More Precious than  
Silver"

\* Pastoral Prayer &  
Children's Sermon \*

"He Is Exalted"