

Dear Friend,

The only hope for America, and the world, is a true revival that changes the hearts and minds of the people. There is only one power on earth that can change the heart of a person, and that is the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

That word power in that verse means explosive power, like that contained in dynamite. Only the gospel of Jesus Christ can blow up that old sin nature and replace it with the righteous nature of Christ. Politics does not have that power. Government does not have that power. Man, in his own strength, does not have that power. Only God can truly change the heart of man, and He has provided the power to do it freely through the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

All countries pass laws to control behavior. But does passing laws against stealing keep the thief from stealing? No. Do laws outlawing abortion on demand keep people from seeking to get abortions? No. Although we need good government that establishes laws that are in line with the Word of God, laws are not enough. We need hearts and minds to be changed by the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

God gave the law to Israel in the first covenant. But that law did not have the power to change their hearts. They were still sinners by nature and try as they might, none of them were able to truly keep the law. That's why God made a better covenant, established on better promises. He did away with the first covenant based on law and the strength of the flesh to keep it. He replaced it with a covenant of LIFE, based on faith in the finished work of Christ.

Heb 8:6-13 But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. (7) For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. (8) For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: (9) Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. (10) For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: (11) And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. (12) For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. (13) In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.

This new covenant is of the heart, not of the law. Notice God says in this new covenant, He writes His law in our minds and in our hearts. That is what we need. Change in our heart. Change in how we think. When we get born again, the very nature of Christ comes into us ... and the power of that nature begins changing us immediately.

I have a friend who was a very “bad dude” for many years before he got saved. He was married but cheated on his wife all the time. He was into drugs, both using and selling. His life was very rough in every way. But then He got saved. Getting saved is a supernatural event. It is literally a spiritual birth. That old dead spirit from fallen Adam within us is quickened to new life by the Last Adam, Jesus Christ. This new creation within us is righteous and holy, and it begins immediately to instruct us in the ways of righteousness and holiness from the inside out.

My “bad dude” friend gives his testimony saying, “Within the first five minutes I knew fornication was wrong. I knew using drugs was wrong. I knew that all of the patterns of my old life had to be replaced with new patterns that honored God from now on. But most of all, suddenly, there was love again in my heart. My wife hated me because of how badly I had treated her. I hated her too. But instantly, when Christ came into my heart, I loved her again and I told her so. She didn’t believe me at first, but she did as time went on. She could see the change in me, and it wasn’t very long until she wanted the same Jesus who saved me to save her also.”

GLORY TO GOD! That is the kind of revival America (and the world) must have. It has got to be the real gospel with the real power of God that makes men and women Christlike. The life changing power of the gospel truly transforms hearts and minds so that we love God, and we love one another again. We need the life changing power of God where sin becomes abhorrent to us. Where we live our lives seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. GOD ... GIVE US REVIVAL OR WE PERISH!

Many people around the world are pressing into God like never before. They have repented from sin and are spending hours in worship, prayer, and fasting. Why? Because we need a true revival. We need a third Great Awakening in this country, and in the world. The church is arising from her slumber, and she is seeking after God. God has promised, if we draw near unto Him, He will draw near unto us. Praise God!

2Ch 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Your fellow servant for Christ,

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