

Let's have a revival!

Defined:

- **an awakening, in a church or community, of interest in and care for matters relating to personal religion.**
- **an evangelistic service or a series of services for the purpose of effecting a religious awakening.**
- **restoration to life, consciousness, vigor, strength, etc.**
- **restoration to use, acceptance, or currency:**

How God's "Revival" Works

I. Providing the occasion for service

A. Sin is ready to revive at any time

1. **Rom. 7:7-9** – Sin has a revival, seeks an occasion

2. **Eph. 4:27** – Give no occasion to the devil

B. We should therefore seek every occasion to serve God and brethren – **Rom. 7:6**, **Gal. 5:13**

C. Serve in mind as well as body – **Phil. 4:10**

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II. Giving incentives for change

A. Confession of our name before the Father

1. **Rev. 3:1-5, 19** – **v.2-3** “repent”; **v.4-5, 18-19** “be zealous”; **v.5** reward; **v.19** He loves us

B. Crown of righteousness

1. **II Tim. 4:6-8** – Stems from desire to be godly, **3:12**

C. Avoid hell – **Mt. 7:21-23, 25:41, 46**

1. Fear is a powerful motivator
2. **I John 4:18??** See **I John 4:17**

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III. Occurs through repentance

A. II Cor. 7:8-12

1. I Cor. 5 - Man allowed to live in sin; Paul condemns
2. II Cor. 2:6 – They fulfilled Paul's instructions in discipline
3. II Cor. 7:8-12 – Paul's letter produced sorrow which inspired change

B. They came to this point through sorrow, repentance, and the desire to be right with God

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Conclusion:

1. The "revival" of **II Cor. 7** did not occur through some **feel-good sermon** or **overtaking of the Spirit**, but through **doctrine** and **sorrow**.
2. They were given occasion to serve God through Paul's letter, and given incentive (I Cor. 5:6-8) to change. It occurred through repentance.
3. Will you be "revived" this morning?