

## *The Principles of Revival*

*"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but **Christ liveth in me**: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20, emphasis added).*

*"For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When **Christ, who is our life**, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory" (Colossians 3:3-4, emphasis added).*

The primary meaning of the word "revival" in the Old Testament is "to recover," "to restore," and "to return" to God and His standard. The Greek word for revival means "to stir up or rekindle a fire which is slowly dying" or "to keep in full flame." Before the holy fire can burn in full flame, God's people must deal with the culprit who has usurped His throne.

### **The Blood Covers Sin**

Adam's original sin in the Garden cast a long shadow. His transgression brought death to himself and all his descendants. Sin separated men from Holy God, and apart from divine intervention, mankind would be eternally lost. But God in mercy, stepped in, and provided redemption. A clear depiction of the gospel is seen in Abel's sacrifice (Gen. 3:21). Sin's price tag was death, so either the sinner, or a substitute, would have

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**"There is no better proof of a friendship, than to help our friends with their burdens."  
—Augustine**

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Maria was saved at this year's Student Prayer Advance!!

to give his life. Abel's innocent lamb was accepted by God while Cain's fruit offering was rejected. Why? Because without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness (Heb. 9:22). All the Old Testament sacrifices pointed to Jesus, the Lamb of God, Who alone could atone for mankind's sins. Jesus paid the ultimate price which alone could reconcile sinful men to God.

Every revival begins with an honest dealing with sin. The revival under Hezekiah required the removal of filthiness from the holy place (2 Chron. 29:5). David acknowledged his transgressions and thoroughly repented prior to his restoration (Ps. 51). Manasseh humbled himself and found mercy. Peter wept bitterly after denying the Lord at the crucifixion. Afterwards, he was filled with the Spirit and mightily used of God for the remainder of his earthly life. Over and over we see that the divine pattern calls for an honest dealing in the matter of sin.

When men cover sin it is an act of deceit. But when God covers sin, it is an act of grace. "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered (concealed)" (Ps. 32:1). The good news is that what the light reveals the blood can conceal. So powerful is the mighty sacrifice that it removes our sin from God's sight.

But Calvary will not cover the things we refuse to uncover. Transparent honesty is the key which opens the door of grace. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 Jn. 1:9). "Confess" means *to acknowledge or to agree with God*. Literally it means to say the same thing about our sin that God says about it.

Praise God for the cleansing blood which takes away our sins. But, this is just the first step. To stop here is to stop short of victory. We must get beyond the "symptom" to the "source."

### The Cross Crucified the Flesh

Indwelling sin is merely the outgrowth of what the Bible calls the *flesh*. The Greek word *sarx*, translated "flesh," refers to man's fallen nature in many Scriptures. This bent toward badness was transferred to all Adam's descendants. The best way to understand this corrupted character is to take the word FLESH, drop the "H", and spell it backwards—SELF. There you have an apt description of this culprit.

After the death of William II his personal servant said, "I cannot argue that my master was a vain and arrogant man. If he went to a christening, he wanted to be the baby. If he went to a

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## Our Schedule

- September 15-17  
Rocky Mtn. Men's Advance  
Woodside Baptist Church  
Denver, CO
- September 18  
AM Service  
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Denver, CO
- September 18  
PM Service  
Westside Baptist Church  
Greeley, CO
- September 22-24  
Men's Retreat  
Northland Camp  
Dunbar, WI
- September 25  
AM Service  
Ignite Church  
Selma, NC
- September 29 - October 1  
Iron Man Conference  
Grand Rapids Baptist Church  
Grand Rapids, MI
- October 2-5  
Revival Summit  
Faith Memorial Bapt. Ch.  
Danville, VA
- October 7-9  
Iron Man Conference  
Canaan Baptist Church  
Covington, GA

For the last 40 years Christians  
have been more concerned  
about who occupies the White  
House than the presence of  
God in the church house.

—H. Vaughan

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## Student Prayer Advance Testimonies

MARTINSBURG WV:  
*"Praise The Lord, one saved. Two in our group surrendered to preach, 5 surrendered their lives to the Lord, Amen."*

CARNEYS POINT NJ:  
*"We saw God answer prayer, convict of sin, bring assurance of salvation, renew and strengthen their resolve to live for Christ, stir their hearts to evangelize, get right with their parents (there were phone calls made to home about this), reevaluate their priorities (selfishness was seen as a sinful deterrent to be repented of and Christ to be pursued)...in all these things God dealt with us at this advance."*

BLUE RIDGE VA: *"We had one get assurance of salvation... 4 surrendered to full-time Christian service in our group! Praise God for what He is doing! Just had an awesome testimony time too!"*

WESTIN WV: *"2 called to preach one young lady surrendered to missions. Breakthroughs all the way through. Student-led fast tomorrow for God to save someone in service Sunday!"*

wedding, he wanted to be the bride. If he went to a funeral, he wanted to be the corpse." Is it not this self-centered disposition the source of all our misery?

The flesh is beyond improvement. Training cannot eradicate it. Resolutions will not overcome it. Dedication will not defeat it. Vance Havner commented, "In far too many churches it is like we are running an 'old Adam improvement society.' People are running down church aisles dedicating something to God that He could not use if it was dedicated a thousand times." The answer to the flesh is not found in dedication, but death. A converted alcoholic put forth a mountain of truth in a few, brief words as he testified:

"Sin *deforms* us.

Education *informs* us.

The world *conforms* us.

Prison *reforms* us.

But only the Holy Spirit can *transform* us!"

The Cross stands central in God's plan of redemption. And that which is central in salvation can never be secondary in Christian experience. The Lord not only dealt with the fruit—He dealt a death-blow to the root of sin at Calvary. Paul captured the essence of this mystery, "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin (Rom. 6:6). "Old man" refers to that proud, contaminated, selfish spirit which prevents the reality of the Christ-life in the personality of the believer. The word "crucified" means "rendered inoperative." What Jesus did on the cross dealt a death-blow to indwelling sin.

F. B. Meyer preached, "Next to seeing Jesus as my Sacrifice, nothing has revolutionized my life like seeing the effigy of my sinful self in the sinless dying Savior. I say to myself...God has nailed the likeness of my self-life to the Cross."

Through our death-union with Christ at Calvary, we are freed from the bondage of a self-centered life. No longer are we slaves to sin because "they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts" (Gal. 5:24). But how is this appropriated on a practical level?

- **Recognize** the fact that "self" was dethroned through our co-crucifixion with Christ.
- **Accept** God's verdict on the flesh and "take up your cross daily."

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- **Renounce** all personal rights and yield yourself completely to the Holy Spirit.
- **Thank God** for release from the tyrannical self-life. This must be claimed through a conscious exercise of faith, not by feelings. Thank Jesus for providing freedom from the power of sin, self, and Satan as you accept His Lordship over your life. Thanking God is the first step of faith.

The blood covers our sins and the cross crucified the flesh. While it is essential to deal with the negative, it is imperative to appropriate the positive. It is not enough to “put off,” we must also “put on.”

### The Spirit Gives Victory

The only way to be regularly victorious and rarely defeated is through a Spirit-filled life. Decisions, dedications, and promises apart from the empowerment of the Holy Spirit are doomed to failure. Divine enablement is available to all who choose to rely on the Comforter.

God commands believers in Ephesians 5:18 to “be filled with the Spirit.” The word “filled” means “to be under the influence” or “controlled.” People who are intoxicated are under the influence of alcohol, but Christians living under the influence of the Holy Spirit are Spirit-filled. The victorious Christian life is nothing other than the Spirit of Christ having the ascendancy in the heart of a believer—“Christ in you, the hope of glory.”

Salvation is far more than hell-insurance. Being “saved” concerns not only your final destination; it influences your direction and the things that dominate your life on earth. Once we comprehend the power of the blood to forgive sins and the authority of the Cross to deliver us from indwelling sin, we become candidates for the fullness of the Holy Spirit. There is no other way to live above sin. This blessed provision is available and accessible to the weakest believer: “According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness” (2 Pet. 1:3). Everything you need to go on in victory is at your disposal. We are not working “for” victory; we are working “from” victory. God has given His Spirit to us that we might enjoy a quality of life which is supernatural in its dimension. Yes, you can live under the influence of the Spirit of God. In this sense, revival is simply waking up to Who lives inside you! “Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh” (Gal. 5:16).

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## Looking Ahead -

- **Rocky Mountain Men’s Prayer Advance - September 15-17, 2016** — [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more and to register for the Rocky Mtn. Advance at Woodside Baptist Church in Denver, CO
- **Smoky Mountain Couples’ Advance - Nov. 4-5, 2016** — [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more and to register for the Couples’ Advance at The Mainstay Suites in beautiful Pigeon Forge, TN
- **Men’s Prayer Advance - Jan. 26-28, 2017** — [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more and to register for the Men’s Advance in Roanoke, VA
- **Ladies’ Prayer Advance - March 23-25, 2017** — [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more and to register for the Ladies’ Advance in Roanoke, VA



## Grace Greater than Our Sin

*Marvelous grace of our  
loving Lord,  
Grace that exceeds our  
sin and our guilt!  
Yonder on Calvary's  
mount outpoured,  
There where the blood of  
the Lamb was spilled.*

*Refrain:  
Grace, grace, God's grace,  
Grace that will pardon and  
cleanse within;  
Grace, grace, God's grace,  
Grace that is greater than  
all our sin!*

*Dark is the stain that we  
cannot hide;  
What can we do to  
wash it away?  
Look! There is flowing a  
crimson tide,  
Brighter than snow you  
may be today.*

*Marvelous, infinite,  
matchless grace,  
Freely bestowed on all  
who believe!  
You that are longing to  
see His face,  
Will you this moment  
His grace receive?*

Julia H. Johnston, pub.1910

*Moreover the law entered,  
that the offence might  
abound. But where sin  
abounded, grace did much  
more abound: That as sin  
hath reigned unto death,  
even so might grace reign  
through righteousness unto  
eternal life by Jesus  
Christ our Lord.  
(Rom 5:20-21)*

## Prayer & Praise

- Physical strength and stamina
- Busy Fall Schedule
- Moving of the Spirit in hearts of people
- Travel mercies
- Praise God for a great Student Advance

## Family News

Harold has a full schedule planned for this fall. He has meetings scheduled for nearly every weekend for the next two months. Many of these are men's meetings. Debbie will be traveling with Harold on several of these meetings.



Michael continues to battle with on-going strep throat. Please pray that the doctors can find some resolution to this issue. Laura is busy with work and the boys are back in school.

Brandon and Ashley are happily anticipating the birth of their first son at the first of the year. Hope is slowly coming around to the fact that she will have a brother. Sara is back in school and having a great time.

Stephen is settling into his new position as Ministry Assistant at Catawba Valley Baptist Church in Troutville, VA. After a summer vacation, Emily is back to teaching.

## See What's New

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