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REVIVAL: MANY TALK ABOUT IT BUT WHO WANTS IT!

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Yes, another message on revival. There have been many the past few years, but we see no signs of revival. The truth is, God's people don't want it! A lazy man doesn't want to be pushed. A drunken man doesn't want to be sober. A freezing man doesn't want to be shaken, slapped and pushed to go on. A sleeping man doesn't want to be awakened. The real problem is Christians (only they can be revived) don't want revival. Even the unsaved need Christians to be revived because a carnal Church can't help them. **Think of the conditions in our land:** thousands die every day and the great majority of them go to hell; over 100,000 children 10/11 years old get drunk every week; 15-20 teenagers commit suicide each day with many more attempting it; abortion kills 1.3 million unborn babies each year; the jails are full; mental hospitals are full (half of all Americans have been to a psychiatrist); pornography is the fastest growing business on the internet; the homosexual crowd is growing by leaps and bounds, etc. **What about conditions in the Church (Fundamental churches)?** Carnal churches abound! Worldly, self-centered programs are adopted by many. The music is worldly, the dress is worldly and the sermons do nothing to disturb the status quo. Without a doubt, most professing believers spend more time on the TV and Internet than they do attending church, reading their Bibles and praying. Sports and worldly entertainment take precedence over the worship and service of God. Many no longer have an Evening Service and/or Prayer Meeting. It is very difficult to find Fundamental Baptist Churches that have a regular soul winning program. Jesus said, **"Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me..."** Where is the power of God today in our churches? Mostly, they are run on "fleshly" power and that is why there is so little of eternal value accomplished. We need the power of God, and in order to have it, we need revival! But I ask, "Who really wants it?" Do you? Will you pay the price?

There is no easy way to have revival! Revival will be painful! God says, **"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 forgive their sin, and will heal their land."** II Chron.7:14. But we will not humble ourselves. We will not admit that we're wrong and that carnality is sin! That it's wicked! We won't come to grips with our half-hearted service to God. If we don't get revived what will happen to the next generation? What will be left? I do not believe there will be a world-wide revival; we're too near the end, but I believe any Christian or Fundamental Church, and even a community can have it if we will pay the price. If revival comes, you will surely see it. There will be none of self and all of Christ. There will be a new love for Him, for His people, the Church, and for His Word! There will be a new power. There will be a genuine love for lost souls. There will be sacrificial giving of oneself and of our finances. There will be enthusiasm for the things of God. The question is, "Do you want it?" Fellow believer in Jesus Christ, I remind you: **"We must all appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ"** It will not go well with many! Will YOU meet the requirements for revival?

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DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE HEARSE HAULS YOU TO CHURCH. IF YOU DO:

1. You will go regardless of the weather.
2. You will go regardless of your physical condition.
3. There will be beautiful flowers there, but you will not enjoy them.
4. You will go regardless how your family feels.
5. The minister may say many good things, but they will do you no good.
6. There will be beautiful music, but you won't hear it.
7. There will be heartfelt prayers, but they will not touch your heart.
8. There will be friends and relatives there, but you will not worship with them.
9. You'll go no matter how many hypocrites are there.
10. You will go no matter how much you are needed at home or at work. -The Servant

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YOUTH CORNER

DID YOU SAY YOU ARE TIRED? John Wesley traveled 250,000 miles on horseback in order to preach the Gospel. He averaged 20 miles a day for forty years. He preached forty thousand sermons and wrote one hundred books, and knew ten languages. At eighty- three, he was annoyed that he could not read more than fifteen hours a day without hurting his yes, and at eighty-six he was ashamed that he could not preach more than twice a day. He complained in his diary that there was an increasing tendency to lie in bed until 5:30 in the morning. Nowadays a good many people would be worn out just reading that.

PEOPLE WHO WERE RIGHT.

Job was right when he said, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him!"

Joshua was right when he said, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

David was right when he said, "I will bless the Lord at all times."

Daniel was right when he "purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the king's meat."

Daniel's three friends were right when they would not bow down to the King's idol.

Mary was right when she said, "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it."

John was right when he said, "Whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely."

Paul was right when he said, "To me to live is Christ and to die is gain."

HEAVEN! EVERYBODY WANTS TO GO THERE BUT MOST ARE ON THE WRONG ROAD. See Matthew 7:13,14.

IT STOOD THE TEST! Many years ago there was an old safe standing in front of a store in New York as a symbol of the ability of the firm's safes to withstand fire. Over the safe was this notice: "This safe stood the test, and its contents were unharmed." It had withstood one of the hottest fires New York ever had and carried its treasures safely through. My friend, Jesus stood the test. He took the best that man and the devil could heap upon Him. He suffered and bled and died; but best of all he rose again and now waits in Heaven for all those who trust Him. Yes, Jesus stood the test and He did it for you - that you might be saved for all eternity. If you have not done so, trust Him right now. He will save and keep you! He said, "**I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish**" ~John 10:28.

NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

BOOK ON ROMAN CATHOLICISM. If you want a better understanding of the heresies of Roman Catholicism and to see the great compromise of Evangelicalism with it, you should get a copy of Richard Bennett's book: "*Catholicism: East of Eden.*" Bennett is a converted Catholic priest and really understands that false system. His insight into the Evangelical and Catholics Together compromise is worth the price. It is probably the best book I have read on the subject. \$15.00 plus \$2.00 postage. (U.S. \$)

IMMODEST DRESS IS A PROBLEM! A reader sent me a *Gannett News* item that reported some judges have taken a stand against improper and immodest dress. Criminal Court Judge Cheryl Blackburn started a strict dress code: "All pants must be worn at the waist...no sagging or low-rider pants...(No) visible undergarments or see-through clothing." We are really concerned about things that are exposing too much flesh," said Judge Angie B. Dalton. Judge Dan Eisenstein makes people who are dressed inappropriately wear a blue paper hospital smock. Another Judge said, "If you're going to come into Court, you must dress appropriately... Inappropriate dress can cause problems." Ed. We've reported on a prison with a strict dress code saying inappropriate dress causes problems. Why is it many Christians cannot see this (including many Fundamental Pastors)? I'll tell you why! They don't want to see it! Carnality is all too common in Fundamental churches today. If you have to dress properly, decently, to go to jail or to court, what is wrong with dressing in a godly fashion to worship God? Remember, He sees (and He cares) how you dress!

BIG BUCKS MINISTRIES! *World* (7/28/07) reported on some Christian (so called) ministries and their finances:

PAUL CROUCH and Trinity Broadcasting. Owns a slew of real estate in So. Calif. Mobile home park in Fla. Two TBC mansions in Orange County. *ABC's 20/20* revealed one is worth \$4 million. In 2004 TBN's cash and short-term investments - \$340 million. Paul and Jan Crouch get \$800,000 per year (plus uncounted perks).

BENNY HINN. *NBC's Dateline* reported in 2002 that Hinn lived in a ministry owned home in CA worth \$10 million; drives a Mercedes SUVA and a convertible worth \$80,000 each. Hotel stays range from \$800 to \$3,000 per night.

JOYCE MEYERLY. Meyerly and her four children lived with their families in a five-home compound owned by the ministry. They were worth a combined total of \$3.7 million. Meyerly's home included a putting green and an eight-car heated garage.

Ed. This is no doubt just the tip of the iceberg. And there are many more out there just like them. Of course, no matter what is revealed, you cannot shake their followers. The reason is that they believe the health and wealth gospel these people preach and hope to strike it rich themselves.

THE SECRET NOT A SECRET. The latest occult scam to capture the West is called *The Secret*. The book has sold 6 million copies and the DVD over 2 million. It is not a secret at all but recycled Hinduism, shamanism, and New Age folly... The Secret gives you anything you want: happiness, health, and wealth... You can have...do...or be anything you want... We are all gods and create our own destinies with our thoughts (sounds like Gen.3). The same lie is repeated over and over: "There isn't a single thing you cannot do with this knowledge...The minute you begin to think properly, the knowledge is within you." This is the standard teaching of Christian Science, Unity School of Christianity, New Thought, etc. Much of the quick spread of this Secret is due to promotion by Larry King and Oprah Winfrey... Many Christians (not real Christians I would say) teach basically the same occultism taught to C.G. Jung by familiar spirits. Yongi Cho (pastor of the largest church in the world) has taught and preached the same for years, as have numerous Christian(?) psychologists and charismatics. Visualization was the heart and soul of all that Norman Vincent Peale taught: "The idea of imaging has been implicit in all the speaking and writing I have done." Robert Schuller has long taught the same occultism. (And we might add Benny Hinn, Copeland, and all the health and wealth preachers). - Excerpted from *TBC* July 2007. Ed. All parentheses mine. The philosophy behind all of this is SELF! You can be whatever you want, have whatever you want, etc. Of course, the whole thing is of Satan and one has a hard time sympathizing with those seek it.

OMINOUS SIGN IN CAMBODIA. Cambodia has banned door-to-door evangelism and the distribution of Christian literature except inside church buildings. The government says such activities "disrupt society" and "cause other insecurities" in this largely Buddhist nation (*WorldNetDaily*, July 31, 2007). Officials admitted that the ruling is aimed at reducing Christian evangelism. The vast majority of Christians in Cambodia were among the 3 million people who died in the 1970s under the brutal communist regime of the Khmer Rouge led by Pot Pol, but the number of churches has grown rapidly since the collapse of communism in the early 1990'S -*FBIS* (8/10/07) Ed. We tend to think that this sort of thing could not happen in America. But that is a very naive premise. Christians are coming under more and more persecution around the world. The ever growing ecumenical philosophy says all religions are equally valid and no one should seek to convert others.

WHERE ARE THE ADULTS?

A Christian newsletter I receive had a lead article entitled *Where Did All The Adults Go?* It quoted the book, *The Sibling Society* by Robert Bly. He says that grown-up mature American adults are now all but missing. We look like a horizontal society of young brothers and sisters because the vertical principles of authority, hierarchy, obligation and tradition have been eroded. He claims one-third of Americans are actually half-adults. The author of the newsletter pointed out what we have long said; "It is becoming increasingly difficult for older, adult Christians to demonstrate the fruit of spiritual maturity in a relationship with Jesus Christ, His Church, and Biblical responsibilities. An increasing number of adult Christians prove by their attitudes and actions that participation and leadership involvement in the local church is only an incidental part of their self-centered lives. It appears that a desire for a more intimate relationship with Jesus Christ has almost been completely replaced with an insatiable hunger for materialism." The truth is we have many who have been saved for years, but they are still babies and if you tell them so, you will surely see their childish response. As parents and Church leaders have relinquished their proper authority and children have been given every little thing their hearts desire, we have come to a sorry state of immaturity which is perpetuated from generation to generation. Few fundamental churches have elders and deacons (even pastors) that are spiritually mature and Biblically qualified and finding such is getting more difficult. (From 1998 Challenge)

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THE ESSENCE OF SALVATION

In Acts 3:19, Peter gives the essence of what it means to be saved. He said, "**Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out...**" It is true that all we have to do is "**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.**" ~Acts 16:31. But Bible believing is not merely giving mental assent to the Gospel. The truth is, few know what the Gospel is! I Corinthians 15:3,4 says the Gospel is "**...Christ died for our sins...and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day...**" Please note, He died and rose again for our sins - to pay for them. You can't ignore the fact of your sin and be a true believer! In Bible terms, believing is always accompanied by *repentance*. The person who believes on Christ unto salvation is one who has repented; the word means "*to change your mind.*" You change your mind about your sin! Before, sin didn't bother you, unless you got caught; now you're sorry for your sin. You will have to change your mind about your religion and many other things. If you truly repent, you are *converted* (Acts 3:19). That means you "*turned around.*" You were going in one direction, now you are headed in the opposite direction. A perfect Bible illustration is the story Jesus gave of two sons whom their father told to go and work in his vineyard. One said he would go but didn't; he only gave lip service. The other refused to go; but he later repented, changed his mind, and went. That was true repentance. What about you? Have you repented, received Christ as your Savior and been converted? If you repented, you are going in God's direction. (Do not be deceived. Read Matthew 7:21-23).