

TEACHING LETTER

Revival and the Kingdom of God

Revival in the Oxford Dictionary says, "Bringing or coming back into". Psalm 145: 10 – 11 gives a good description of what revival looks like. Isaiah 9: 6 – 7 prophesies, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder and His Name shall be called wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting father, Prince of peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end" – This was fulfilled in Luke 1: 32 – 33 and Mathew 4: 16 – 17.

These scriptures show us that revival happens when we return to the central truth that the kingdom of God is at hand. Jesus brought the kingdom of God to us and it is at hand to every believer who believes it and who lives in Him. Jesus taught this in Mathew 4: 23, "And Jesus went about all Galilee teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the Kingdom and healing all kinds of diseases among the people."

Then Jesus tells us in Mathew 6:33, "but seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you". Let us do it. Jesus then sent out His disciples in Mathew 10:1 and told them to preach "The Kingdom of heaven is at hand" in Mathew 10: 6 – 7.

Here we see the works, the authority and power over sickness and demons that the Kingdom of Heaven gives to us. But how? Some may ask. – Luke 17: 22 – 23 Jesus responds. "Now when he was asked by the Pharisees when the Kingdom of God would come, He answered and said "The Kingdom of God does not come through observation, nor will they say "see here or see there for indeed the Kingdom of God is within you."

Jesus is the Kingdom of God and He was in their midst. But, if Jesus dwells in our hearts, then He too is in the midst of us and in us. The Kingdom of God is in the spiritual realm brought upon us by the Holy Spirit. We can receive Him now by being baptised in the Holy Spirit. We can walk in the spiritual realm now. We can receive the power and authority of Jesus' name now.

John 3: 5 "Jesus answered, most assuredly I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God". So we need to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Acts 14: 22 reads "Strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in faith and saying, "through many tribulations enter the Kingdom of God." Allow the Lord to change us. We need to surrender our lives to God that we may hear Him and do His will. 1 Corinthians 15: 50: "Now this I say brethren that flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God, nor does corruption inherit in corruption".

1 Corinthians 4: 20, "For the Kingdom of God does not consist of talk but in power". Acts 1: 8 "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all..." will come to pass as we move out and witness for Jesus, and the power of God will flow through us, as John 14: 12 – 13 promises us.

We need to go out and live it. Jesus is the only answer to every problem in this world, and if Jesus is living in us in power and authority through the Holy Spirit, then we have the answer within us for this world.

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