

Byron's Babbles

REVIVE ME

Have you ever noticed how some songs seem to pep up a congregation? I'm not suggesting that some songs are boring, simply that some spark enthusiasm better than others. One such song is, "We Praise Thee Oh God". Last week when we all stood and sang the words, I noticed increasing fervor in our voices. The song incites God to bring about a revival in our lives. In "olden" days, the local congregation held revivals, a few years back everyone hosted a Gospel Meeting, now we prefer seminars or workshops. BUT what happened to the good ol' fashion revival? The word itself means to renew our minds, and even deeper yet, to restore life! Those of us who are Christians understand that without Christ there is NO LIFE (I John 5:12), and that Christianity requires a renewing of the mind (Romans 12:2). But OH how we have strayed away from the idea of a revival, it's too Pentecostal! Of course I'm not advocating the consumption of strychnine, speaking in diverse tongues, or a good ol' fashion shake biting party...but we shouldn't allow the worlds definition of Pentecostalism and revivals scare us off! Nothing brings us closed to God than a revival, and I'm not referring to the practice of listening to a guest speaker for 2-3 days. I'm talking about soul searching, heart pounding, mind renewing dedication to HIS ways...the preponderance of Jesus Christ in our lives! That's a revival! God said:

"If my people who are called by my name, will 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." (NIV)

Search your hearts and make room for revival, turn your lives WHOLLY over to him and then truly you can sing, "Hallelujah thine the Glory, Revive us Again."

In His Service
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