

REVIVAL

I. WHY STUDY?

- A. The Need of the hour. "Break up the fallow ground"
- B. It widens our horizons.
- C. Believers are hungry.
- D. Spiritual interest in the world is increasing.
- E. Problems in the church regarding arrogance—revival deals with humility.
- F. The revived Christian has "fallen in love". e Christ
- G. "Spiritual Decline and Recovery" (from Spiritual Clinics) (Oswald Sanders)

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. Word study
 - 1. OT—*Chayah* Ps 119, 85:6
 - 2. NT—*Anathallo/Anazao* Phil 4:10, Lk 15:24, Rom 7:9,
- B. Personal revival

- 1 Daily walking in the Spirit
 - 2 Humility
 - a. Brokenness
 - b. Position/prayer
 - 3 Ready/prepared
- C. Corporate revival
- 1 Maturity as a Body
 - 2 Impact on the Community
 - 3 Many saved
- D. Revival is NOT:
- 1
 - 2
 - 3
 - 4
- E. See Handout "What is Revival?"

III. CRITIQUE

- A. Revival is more of an observed phenomenon than a Biblical precept.
- B. Extremism
- 1 Revival is the *be-all-end-all*, people waiting for 'magical' event without appropriate daily lifestyle.
 - 2 The picture created of Jesus wringing His hands waiting for the church to exhibit purity, and reach the world so He can return.
- C. Covenant theology uses too much application from the OT (for example: 2 Chron 7:14, Is 57:15).

D. Undiscerning (for example: Krupp, Roberts, Snyder)

E. Terms:

1. Experience-centered revival

2. Works-centered revival

3. WORD-centered revival

IV. WHEN IS REVIVAL NEEDED?

A. "Backsliding" See handout