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THE WORLD NEEDS JESUS NOW !

The world needs revival right now. I don't think any true born again, Spirit-filled person could disagree with that.

Revival meaning a sudden recognition of the truth and the presence of God in a person's life and surroundings, a sudden realization for those who haven't known before that God is real, Jesus is real, the Holy Spirit is real, the Bible is true, and goodness how could they have missed it all these years. For many of those who have known all that, revival is a wake-up call, a recognition of how have they fallen so far from God and his truth!

True believers, the ones who meet the criteria laid down by Jesus and later by Paul, are surrounded today by an army of pagans. A mass army to be sure. By far the majority of society. Some are fairly quiet but many in our time now are seriously virulent and violent. Who are they? You know – they are media personalities, professors and college deans and presidents, entertainers, many politicians and business leaders, and many common everyday persons. You know them. Surely by now you have recognized them. These voices attacking what you believe every day on television and the Internet, in the local newspapers, in the many despicable movies and television programs that would have never been produced even twenty years ago, in the loud and angry voices that cannot discuss issues but rather shout down opposition and press for their and only their "rights" to be heard.

The world needs revival. Before the Lord comes and whisks away that small remnant of people on earth he considers to be true believers, members of God's kingdom. And the mass of humanity is left pondering where that group went.

Let's think for a moment. There is the Father, there is the Son Jesus, and there is the Holy Spirit. For thousands of years except for a tiny few exceptions God the Father was the only member of that Trinity obviously active on earth. Right off the bat Adam and Eve rejected God by rebelling and in effect handing the keys to world dominion to satan. The rest of the Old Testament is all about God working through a few devout people he could trust to move toward his plan of redemption of the human race.

Then God's son, Jesus, God himself in human form, came on the scene. Once an adult and entered into the ministry, he survived for about three years of teaching, preaching, and healing before he was horrifically murdered on the cross. Well, he allowed himself to be killed. That was part of God's plan – Jesus' taking upon himself all our sins and dying for us so we might be forgiven and have the opportunity for eternal life with him. Yes, Jesus indeed rose from the dead, he had victory over evil, over the world, over death, over sickness and disease, over curses of the law, and so much more. And for about two

thousand years those individuals who truly realized who Jesus was, who were in his words born anew, have gone forth in carrying him and his truth to people.

After Jesus' crucifixion and ascension to Heaven, God sent those true believers the Holy Spirit. Jesus himself described the Holy Spirit in three chapters in John, described this great gift to his believers. Paul went further in a couple chapters in Corinthians and described the magnificent gifts of the Spirit that come with this wonderful being. Peter explained that the Holy Spirit is for every believer, those nearby and those far away.

Somehow this wonderful Holy Spirit and all his gifts for believing humanity were lost by the majority of the believing crowd. Great lies were perpetrated upon those trying to follow God. Since only a few actually had the opportunity to read the Bible for many hundreds of years, really until just about five hundred or so years ago, it was easy for the evil one to pull off this deception. The problem is that even when the Bible became available, God's gift of the Holy Spirit and all the inherent gifts like miraculous works, healing, prophecy, faith, speaking and interpreting in tongues, discernment, word of knowledge, and word of wisdom still were not recognized. Over the years leaders of various churches and denominations have led and acted as if those pages of the Bible were just for the first century, not for now, a great lie of the evil one.

So right up to today large numbers of those who claim to be Christians operate with no power. There is nothing to demonstrate the power of God in their lives that is different from those living under the many false religions on earth. Oh, well, yes there is some understanding of God's love perhaps and of how people are supposed to live, the Bible in effect being for them a moral guidebook. But real recognizable power in their lives? Right now?

I remember how the great evangelist T L Osborn, who spent his life abroad in difficult pagan countries, said that initially in his ministry he discovered his work could accomplish nothing when he spoke and presented the Bible because the local people just showed him their religious book. They didn't see the Bible as any more important than their book. But after he came back to the US and encountered the baptism of the Holy Spirit in a revival meeting, he went forth in power. People saw the demonstration of God's power. Signs and wonders followed the preaching of the word, as they are always supposed to do. And who knows how many hundreds of thousands were led through T L Osborn to Christ?

I well remember my encounter with God in the form of the Holy Spirit in that car on the NJ Turnpike late at night. Overwhelming. Eye-opening. Life-changing. Priorities totally rearranged. Old top priority items shelved. New ones put forward.

I remember stepping out to heal people in Jesus' name. I remember seeing the Holy Spirit mightily touch people. I remember so many services where the Holy Spirit just took over the meeting. I remember the phone calls, the testimonies – the tumor disappeared, the MRI shows nothing, the heart instantly healed, the little girl with the death sentence healed. I remember all the people who had never before personally encountered God suddenly asking what was that? One meeting the Holy Spirit came at the end of the praise and worship and touched everyone gathered together. Only Cathy, the musician, and I were left looking over the room. I remember the musician looking at me and shrugging his shoulders, like what do we do now? The Holy Spirit had taken over the place.

I remember another evening at a denominational church that did not know the Holy Spirit. After a time of praise and worship and teaching and preaching, I prayed for the entire assembled congregation. Then as I lifted my hand to pray for the pastor who had come forward, the Holy Spirit descended on him and then on each of the entire group of people. For hours we prayed for them. They would never be the same again. One elderly man came up afterward and said these sad words: I've been in this church for fifty-seven years, and after tonight I realize all that was a waste. Well, thank God, he had lived to have that encounter with the living God!

We need to be open to the Holy Spirit. Signs and wonders follow the preaching of the gospel. It is true. I have seen it over and over.

We need a revival. We need people who truly know God and are guided by God. We need people who can receive God's guidance, who can use the gift of discernment to recognize the right course in a situation. We need people for whom God's word and truth is alive and well and is full active reality right now. We need people ready to go with the Lord!

We need a revival. At God's precise and perfect time, of course. But that time is quite obviously so very near, now, imminent. We need a revival.

AGAIN, PLEASE SEND THIS NEWSLETTER ON TO OTHERS!!

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Are you receiving from this ministry? Are you learning things about God and the gospel and the imminent return of Jesus and all that is going on in this world that you never knew?

We are reaching an increasing number of people every day, people throughout the United States and in Russia, India, Israel, the Czech Republic, various islands of the world, Germany, the United Kingdom, Portugal, China, various African countries, and so many more places.

One Nigerian minister said that I am the mouthpiece of God. That may be dramatic and seem over the top, but what we send out is what God wants us to send out. What I write is what God writes through me. Nothing ever goes out unless the Holy Spirit approves it for sending. God does nothing without revealing his plans to his servants the prophets. That is what is happening here, what is going on.

These are the last days. Amazing things are happening in the spiritual and physical world. The majority of people on earth are as lost as skunks, and the majority of those who consider themselves Christians know little or nothing about what is happening and where they are in Christ.

Should you wish us to come hold a seminar on all this or a ministry service at your church or in your area, get in touch with us and we will endeavor to work that out as God leads and wants. These are the last days. They really are. You and we cannot afford to waste the days the Lord has given us.

Help us keep this ministry going. We do have to pay bills. We do have to live in this physical world. Thanks to those who already support this ministry with your prayers and contributions and efforts. This is the primary way we receive support, through people like you. If you have not contributed, please consider joining all those partners who make this ministry possible and contribute what you determine in your heart to give. If possible, even become a regular monthly contributor. Giving to where you receive is even scriptural, for the Bible says: "…one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor" (Galatians 6:6).

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The Lord is coming soon. I have it on good authority - his. Always remember to stay alert! Our time is full of people who call evil good and good evil. You must be discerning all the time.

May you live in the blessings of the Lord always.

And Always Keep Your Eyes on Jesus!

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