

Sermon Text Discussion Notes 2/5/2023

Romans 8: 9-11 "The Reality of Revival from the Holy Spirit"
Romans 8: Gospel Doctrine and Life in the Spirit

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Overview

Romans 8:9-11 show us three realities that are true of everyone who has the Holy Spirit. There has been national spotlight on the spiritual outpouring that has been happening at Asbury College in Kentucky. These verses give us an insight into true Revival. It shows us where revival comes from and how every Christian has it's seed inside of them. Every Christian has the Holy Spirit. If you are a Christian, you have the source and power and beginning of revival inside of you:

1. You live in the new realm of the Spirit (v9)
2. You experience new life by the Spirit (v10)
3. Your body will be resurrected through the Spirit (v11)

Discussion Questions

1. When we consider the arc of the Bible, from the Old Testament to the New Testament, what does it mean that believers are now no longer in the realm of the flesh but the realm of the Spirit?
2. What does it mean to engage a sanctified imagination in order to live our everyday lives in light of the spiritual realities of Romans 8?
3. Since Christ is in us, we have the life we are searching for. What are ways you search outside of Christ for life? What is the outcome of these pursuits?
4. What would it mean for you to pray for revival in yourself and others?

Quote

"A revival is not God doing something fundamentally different than what he normally does. Revival is when God does what he normally does, but on overdrive. And that means when we see the joy, peace, freedom, repentance, and worship of a true revival—we're seeing what is possible for all of us. And what is already at work, perhaps in a smaller measure, in our everyday lives. And it teaches us to long for more."

"The gift of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament isn't just a random side-show blessing. The gift of the Holy Spirit is a foretaste of the new world to come. He is the down payment of the age to come. He is the experience already of the fulness of God's presence that is yet to come. He sets us free from the power of sin and selfishness. The Spirit dwells in us as God's new temple...Every Christian has the Holy Spirit dwelling within them. And this means that they are taken out of the realm of the flesh, and put into the realm of the Spirit. They are participating in the beginnings of the age to come."

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