Are We Desperate for Revival

[2Ch 7:14 KJV] 14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall 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.

[Act 2:38-39 KJV] 38 Then Peter said unto them, <u>Repent</u>, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. 39 <u>For the promise is unto you, and to your children</u>, and to all that are afar off, [even] as many as the Lord our God shall call.

[Jos 24:20 KJV] 20 If ye forsake the LORD, and serve strange gods, then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good.

Are you Desperate for your lost loved ones and your walk with Jesus to get better?

Dictionary: Desperate - feeling, showing, or involving a hopeless sense that a situation is so bad as to be impossible to deal with.

Hope that is real? Yesterday you were on the mountain top and you could feel the Love of God. Today you are in the valley. He still loves you the same.

[Jhn 15:9 KJV] 9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

Charles Spurgeon says, "Ah! we have indeed an immutable Saviour, a precious Saviour, one who loves without measure, without change, without beginning, and without end, even as the Father loves Him!

[Rom 15:13 KJV] 13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

[Psa 33:18 KJV] 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD [is] upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;

[Psa 147:11 KJV] 11 The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.

Overcome failure to serve God due to sin with Power to live for Jesus?

[Act 1:8 KJV] 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 Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Paul asked certain disciples at Ephesus, [Act 19:2, 6 KJV] 2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost **since ye believed?** And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. ... 6 And when Paul had laid [his] hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

Are you desperate to gain back your Joy?

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[Rom 14:17 KJV] 17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Are we Desperate for the Love of God? When we Give God's Love, He gives back.

[1Pe 1:3 KJV] 3 Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Charles Spurgeon said, "If we truly love Christ, we shall care for those who are loved by Him. Those who are dear to Him will be dear to us. Let us then look upon it not as a duty but as a privilege to relieve the poor of the Lord's flock-remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Surely this assurance is sweet enough, and this motive strong enough to lead us to help others with a willing hand and a loving heart-recollecting that all we do for His people is graciously accepted by Christ as done to Himself.

America has Encountered Spiritual Cycles where Desperation took over. (Generational)

The Great Awakening of 1730s – Lasted about 50 years

The Second Great Awakening 1795 – Lasted about 20 years

The Fulton Street Prayer Revival – Lasted about two years. Started with 5 men and grew to 20 the next week, 40 the following week and then six month later the prayer group had grown to 10,000 a day.

The Jesus Revolution – Lasted a bit over 20 years and changed worship in the Church

Young people were fed up with society and wanted truth and hope.

Christians have an adversary.

[1Pe 5:8 KJV] 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

We must not be swayed from our service to God. Are you desperate to hang on?

[1Co 15:57-58 KJV] 57 But thanks [be] to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Pass it down to the next generation. Don't give up pray for them.

[Deu 11:19 KJV] 19 And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

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The Ministry of the Holy Spirit of God is the Same Today and Every Day. We change.

The Holy Spirit Testifies of Jesus

[Jhn 15:26 KJV] 26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, [even] the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

The Holy Ghost sends workers.

[Act 13:2, 4 KJV] 2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. ... 4 So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

[Act 16:6 KJV] 6 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,

The Holy Ghost teaches and guides

[Jhn 14:26 KJV] 26 But the Comforter, [which is] the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

[1Co 2:13 KJV] 13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

[Act 15:28 KJV] 28 For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;

Be Filled with the Holy Spirit!

Charles Spurgeon says," However feeble our faith may be, if it be real faith in Christ, we shall reach heaven at last, but we shall not honour our Master much on our pilgrimage, neither shall we abound in joy and peace. If then you would live to Christ's glory, and be happy in His service, seek to be filled with the spirit of adoption more and more completely, till perfect love shall cast out fear."

[Act 4:8 KJV] 8 Then Peter, <u>filled with the Holy Ghost</u>, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,

[Eph 1:13 KJV] 13 In whom ye also [trusted], after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

[Eph 4:30 KJV] 30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

[1Th 4:6-8 KJV] 6 That no [man] go beyond and defraud his brother in [any] matter: because that the Lord [is] the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. 7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. 8 He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.

Tonight, Lord willing, we will consider the Christian's role in government.