

## REVIVED AND RESTORED CHURCHES

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**The Promise:** "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" Deut. 7:14.

Our nation and it's churches desperately need revival.

The Bible, like a beacon, points the way back.

We will examine THE CAUSES, THE ROAD BACK, AND FUTURE PREVENTION.

### I. The Causes:

- (1). Compromised association....."You can't run with a skunk and smell like a rose."
- (2). Watered down preaching..... Cowards in the pulpit allow pollution in the pew.
- (3). Weakened standards..... Allowing weakness compromises effectiveness.
- (4). Contemptible music..... Fleshly music encourages cheap living.
- (5). Congregational battles..... Shooting one's self in the foot is not wise.
- (6). Pastoral Inconsistencies..... Actions always speak louder than words.
- (7). Dearth of dedication..... Sloppy living results in sloppy surroundings.
- (8). Pace of today's living..... Believers have made themselves too busy.
- (9). Loss of vision..... Without vison...Who cares?

### II. The Road Back:

- (1). Prevailing prayer. Matt. 7:7&8 "Ask, seek, find."
- (2). Strong Biblical preaching. Isa. 58:1 "Cry aloud, shew my people their transgression."
- (3). Restore Bible standards. Amos 5:15 "Hate the evil, love the good, restore judgment."
- (4). Return to good music. Psm. 19:14 "Let the words of my mouth be acceptable."
- (5). Repair relationships. Matt. 5:24 " Be reconciled to thy brother."
- (6). Confession of sin. I John 1:9 "If we confess our sins."
- (7). Redefine purpose. John 15:16 "Chosen, ordained, bring forth fruit."
- (8). Adjust priorities. Matt. 6:33 "Seek ye first the kingdom of God."
- (9). Restore vision. Jer. 33:3 "Call unto me, great and mighty things."

### III. Future Prevention:

- (1). Diligent assessment. Psm. 51:18 "Create clean heart, renew right spirit."
- (2). Prayer Emphasis. I Thess. 5:17 "Pray without ceasing."
- (3). Love for Christ. Mark 12:30 "Love the Lord, heart, soul, mind, strength."
- (4). Daily discipline. Rom. 12: 2 "Be not conformed, but transformed."
- (5). Total Surrender. Rom. 12:1 "Present your bodies."

- (6). Submission to others. Eph. 5:21 "One to another in the fear of God."  
(7). Pursuit of holy things. I Pet. 1:16 "Be ye holy for I am holy."  
(8). Fearless preaching. II Cor. 4:2 "Renounce the hidden things."  
(9). Please Christ. II Tim. 2:4 " Please Him who hath chosen us to be soldiers."  
(10). Pursue souls. Prov. 11:30 "He that winneth souls is wise."  
(11). Busy in Service. I Cor. 15:58 "Always abounding in the work of the Lord."  
(12). Keep looking up. Luke 21:28 "Lift up your heads, your redemption draweth nigh."

**The survival of soul winning Christianity depends upon the revival of it's believers and the cry of their heart to our Holy God in these latter years.**