

Introduction -- the Revival itself.

1. The unity and prayer preceding it.

2. The manifestation of the revival itself.

A. Christians filled with the H.S.

B. Bold witnessing, vs 14-36

C. Conviction of sin, v. 37

D. Conversion of sinners, v. 41a

E. Their obedience in baptism, and their desire to fulfill all the ordinances of the Lord.

F. Their affiliation with the church, v. 41b

The importance of joining a local church.

One hears much of just being a Christian, and not being a member of any particular local church.

These people could doubtless have found things to criticize even in this early ~~Rank~~ apostolic church,

(as the example of Annanias & Sapphira).

If it is right for you not to join a local church, then it is right for any believer, and then there would be no local, visible church at all.

RESULTS OF REVIVAL

I. Stedfastness, v. 42

1. God is stedfast, Dan. 6:26, He is the living God, and stedfast forever.

2. The tragedy of professing Christians who are not stedfast.

Ps. 78:8, Whose spirit was not stedfast with God.

v. 31, neither were they stedfast in His covenant.

Ps. 5:9, for there is no stedfastness in their mouth.

3. The command to be stedfast. I Cor. 15:58

4. The Manifestation of their stedfastness.

A. In doctrine. Col. 2:5, beholding the stedfastness of your faith.

Mt. 16:12, beware of the doctrine of the Pharisees.

Heb. 13:9, be not carried about with strange doctrine.

Eph. 4:14, carried about with every wind of doctrine.

2 Tim. 4:3, when they will not endure sound doctrine.

" 3:16, all Scripture is profitable for doctrine...

B. In Fellowship

(1). The fellowship of God's Son, I Cor. 1:9; I Jn. 1:7

(2). A separated fellowship, 2 Cor. 6:14 and

Eph. 5:11

### C. Communion, "breaking of bread"

- (1). See expression in Acts 20:7, the disciples came together to break bread." Also I Cor. 10:16, "The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?"
- (2). The meaning of the Lord's Supper
- (3). Its benefit to the Christian.
  - (a). A reminder of his Savior's suffering
  - (b). An object sermon of the death of Christ.
  - (c). Symbol of spiritual sustenance
  - (d). Time of heart-searching

### D. In Prayers

- (1). Definite time and places for prayer together.
- (2). The necessity of every Christian to have definite habits of prayer.
- (3). Pray for each other, Rom. 1:9, "I make mention of you in my prayers Col. 4:12, Epaphras laboring fervently for you
- (4). Earnestness of Jesus' prayers Heb. 5:7, when he had offered up prayers with tears...
- (5). Sin hinders prayer.

I Peter 3:12, His ears are open to their prayer but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

### II. GENEROSITY is another result of Revival, vs. 44, 45.

1. They shared with those in need.
2. Not political communism
- B. But unselfish Christian love
2. Religion that does not reach the pocketbook hasn't reached the heart, either.
- A. Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.
- B. 2 Cor. 8:7, "As ye abound in everything, in faith, in utterance, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also."
- "Over against the treasury of His grace He sits Who gave Himself for me. He sees the coppers that I give, and for (1) Who gave His life that I might live.

He sees the silver I withhold  
Who left for me his throne of gold,  
Who found a manger for his bed,  
Who had nowhere to lay his head;  
He sees the gold I clasp so tight,  
And I am debtor in His sight.

C. If every member of this church had given as much  
to the Lord through our church as the average  
Seventh Day Adventist, we would have received  
over \$85,000 this past year!!!

D. ~~Mark~~ How much should I give?

(1). The tithe is God's basic minimum

(2). But you can't give too much....

"Were the whole realm of nature mine  
That were a present far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my love, my life, my all."

### III. Other results following the Revival

1. Unity and continuous growth in the church.

v.46, "Continuing with one accord in the temple."  
v.47, "The Lord added to the church daily such as  
were being saved."

One test of a real revival is, Does it continue?

2. Love and joy in the homes,

v.46, "breaking bread from house to house, did eat  
their meat with gladness and singleness of heart

A. Rocks of diamonds and mines of gold are as nothing  
compared to the joy the believer has in Christ.

B. The expression "singleness of heart" is used here  
for the only time in the N.T., and it means  
"soil from which all stones are cleared."