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This book "Revival Now" was written because so many people seem to think that revival is something in the future that is "coming". Finney said that you can have revival whenever you want it - or more precisely, when you are prepared to meet the conditions required. Why not find out what they are?

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Glory to God and Hallelujah!



## **REVIVAL NOW!**

### **FOREWORD**

We seem to be hearing from many voices “Revival is coming - revival is coming!” Does this agree with what God and His word say about it? Is revival imminent or is it four months away - or two months - or two days maybe?

John 4 v 35 says DO NOT SAY THERE ARE STILL FOUR MONTHS THEN COMES THE HARVEST. BEHOLD - LIFT UP YOUR EYES AND LOOK AT THE FIELDS FOR THEY ARE ALREADY WHITE TO HARVEST.

Jesus said - and still says - NOW! Revival is not for some far off ethereal time - the tomorrow that never comes. The problem is that we don't seem to know how to usher in revival and it seems, are not being taught how to, either.

We have examples of revival from the past, and revivalists like Finney who said “You can have revival when ever you want it if you are willing to meet the conditions and make the effort”.

Revival begins with **us** and is about REPENTANCE. Not just a one-off, but an on-going repentance, dealing with areas as the Holy Spirit reveals them to each one of us. We need to do it as an on-going exercise in obedience and submission to the word, usually not dragging up old dealt-with sins that are already under the blood (not introspection) but dealing with what He reveals.

Then we go out on the streets and use the gifts of the Spirit, giving words of knowledge and laying hands on people asking Jesus to heal them, etc. Pray, bringing the Holy Spirit into people's lives, and cut them free from the lies and the curses, etc.

That's how it works in our experience. We only work as the Holy Spirit prompts, only working as He leads will we see revivals begin. We have all had years of practise using the gifts in the church building - now is the time to go out and put what we have learned into practise on the streets. NOW is the time to put in the sickle and reap. YES - the fields **are** white to harvest - don't miss out -

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FORE BEAR FRUITS WORTHY OF REPENTANCE.  
We must expect to see fruit from our repentance and that can only be revival of our own personal life and therefore the lives of those around us as well.

It surely must be incumbent on us to step out boldly and go in faith to bring glory to Almighty God.

**LET'S HAVE REVIVAL NOW!**

**HALLELUJAH!**

## **CHAPTER 1**

### **OUR MISCONCEPTIONS**

In 1967, as a newly born-again believer, I was told about revival and I seem to remember reading a book about the past revivals. I took on the notion of people drawn to repentance without anyone speaking to them. I read of people coming under conviction and falling on their knees crying out to God for forgiveness, where no human agency had touched them in any way.

It seems that many in the body of Christ have this concept as their own idea of revival. How wonderful it would be if it were to happen just that way in our own town. Surely there is not one heart in Christendom that has not longed for an event of this nature.

We have all had people being rude to us or looking at us as if we are 'off the wall' for believing what we do and for confessing Jesus when it causes such embarrassment and often brings out tremendous anger in people. (The devil doesn't want people to know the truth.) There is nearly always strong reaction against our witness, thereby causing our own comfort zone to be disturbed.

How much nicer then if the lost and dying would just fall down on their knees and repent, cry out to God and get themselves saved so that we don't have to mess with all

that difficult, uncomfortable, inconvenient stuff. Well, it did happen that way in the Hebrides - or did it? Currently there is revival going on in China, Korea, Vietnam, Cambodia, India & South America - a revival that is not working after the same pattern as the Hebrides.

Cell groups seem to be the order of the day for revival in the Orient. At one point I wondered if we should be looking to do the same thing here but each place is different and our glorious diverse God rarely works the same way in any two places or time periods. I understand that Pastor Yonggi Cho preached cell groups in the USA. Alas, it produced little results - as with many of our good ideas or attempts at producing what we imagine to be revival, in the way that fits in with our concepts.

The Chinese church in particular has to have a revival that will go unnoticed within the strict communist regime under which they live. Because the pastors (and often the head of the family too) are in prison for their belief, we hear of children of 15 or 16 years old pastoring huge churches. Would we be keen to embrace that kind of revival here? What if Father organised it that way?

Jackie Pullinger's work in Hong Kong, which must be considered in the light of what we are looking at, was marked by the power of the Holy Spirit to deal with heroine addicts, etc. The people are still Chinese but the Holy Spirit leads the work in a totally different way from the Chinese mainland.

Our own experience in Africa is quite different again.

look at the fields for they are already white to harvest". (John 4 v 35). We just simply have to go and tell other people the gospel because if we don't, they may not hear.

We would like to encourage you with these words: Jesus would not have given us the great commission if it was impossible. If He told us, then we should be willingly obedient; we should walk with the Holy Spirit and open our mouths and tell people about Jesus. We may get it wrong (and we all do) but that's not the end; when we have failed a few times it just makes us more aware that we have to rely totally on the Holy Spirit and go tell the good news to all the world.

Matthew 9 v 37 & 38 says **THE HARVEST IS TRULY PLENTIFUL BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW. THEREFORE PRAY THE LORD OF THE HARVEST TO SEND OUT LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.**

Yes, we should ask for help to do what our Lord says and even as we pray, we will find that He will urge us to move on to the next verse recorded in Matt 10 v 1 which says **HE GAVE THEM POWER OVER UNCLEAN SPIRITS TO CAST THEM OUT AND TO HEAL ALL KINDS OF SICKNESS AND ALL KINDS OF DISEASE.**

Our glorious beneficent Lord calls us to service and then immediately shows us that everything is in place to get the job done. We lack for nothing to carry out His orders. To state it simply - revival comes as a result of repentance. John the Baptist says in Matt 3 v 8 **THERE-**

by our faithfulness to His word and commands.

We don't have to keep singing "Lord, send revival". We can have revival - or in other words, we can let out the revival that dwells within us - whenever we want it. We can give out the love of Jesus that lives in our hearts by faith and enjoy the revival that belongs to Jesus - the name above every name - to the glory of God.

As we travel in the UK we hear all kinds of stories from our dear brothers and sisters who say they have failed and, believing the job to be hard, just give up. Some of us are "trying to get closer to God" because we don't understand that He is already in our hearts - and you can't get closer than that. We are in Jesus and He is in us.

We know that we ALL make mistakes; WE ALL FAIL, ON A REGULAR BASIS but we just go back to Dad and let Him lovingly pick us up, bathe our wounds, renew His love in our hearts - and start again. What we must NOT do is judge each other when we make a mistake and fail.

Some of us are waiting for church unity. If Wesley or Finney had waited for that they would still be waiting today. We haven't yet found a church that is in unity, let alone **the** Church!

Others are waiting for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said "Do not say there are still four months and then comes the harvest. Behold, lift up your eyes and

There have been so many huge crusades with vast numbers turning to Christ, yet so many are remaining born-again babies to a great extent. Imagine trying to evangelise in Accra, Ghana, where I would guess that 80% or more are already born again.

What about big crusades here where we try to follow the same pattern of years ago with Billy Graham and others? Dare I use the word "flop"! For in our experience they seem not to have achieved the same success. I would even suggest that most of the converts claimed were not people off the streets.

How about the USA? Operation World shows the figure of evangelicals being over 30% of their population. This must be thanks to Christian TV and radio programmes. Our own work there has been relatively easy, following so much seed already sown, compared with here in the UK where TV and radio time is given to other faiths, but the evangelical voice is rarely heard.

We will endeavour to show in these pages what we believe to be the 'where' and 'how' of revival. To imagine that our revival is the same as the Hebridean or Welsh revivals may bring disappointment. If you drive through the Welsh valleys today you will see hundreds of little chapels now used as homes or fallen into ruin. They speak of a time when coal miners danced on the pews, having been baptised in the Holy Spirit, and some of the boot marks on the pews can still be seen as a reminder of His mighty outpouring.

Is that what God wants for us today? May be not. Father has something new for us that will meet the needs of the people right now. He loves the drug-pushers, the prostitutes, the homosexuals, the child-abusers, the witches, the pornographers - and even the paedophiles. We must too, while hating the sin, as He does.

We are seeing a sovereign work of God - but we must prepare our minds to think in a different way, for what happened in Wales and the Hebrides bears little comparison with this world in which we live.

Of course we will look at what has gone before and see what we can gain from those who have learned to do it "Father's way" - all of these things and greater things, as provided by Jesus our precious Saviour.

We live in such a special time, with the anointing of the Holy Spirit so available and so richly bestowed. We as Christians have received a mighty and awesome outpouring. We have been given the means to meet the needs of our nations - not out of our pre-conceptions as some would suppose, but only in following Father's way and in His enabling. Can you ask or even think of anything more than the awesome power of the Holy Spirit? If He is filling us, what more is there to ask for? Won't His power be enough to get the job done? Yet, the promise is "**more** than you can ask or think".

hidden.

Some say it's scary - but that's because they are listening to the enemy. Don't listen - rebuke his words - and just go out in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, and have the incredible joy and fulfilment of 'bringing home the sheaves', thereby increasing the glory being given to God.

It would be lovely if every reader made the decision to speak to at least one person each day and to say whatever the Holy Spirit prompts them to - and have the thrill of knowing that Jesus is speaking through them and of leading another precious person into the Kingdom. In our experience there's nothing more exciting for a Christian. If we never open our mouths, nothing will ever happen.

The Holy Spirit is prompting many voices now to say these same things. For the renewal of the church, (the body of Christ), revival is the order of the day.

What the many Holy Spirit inspired voices are saying is that it will be a whole body ministry; a functioning, living church. It will be the Church universal being what it is meant to be for the lost and dying, with every single one of us playing our full part. That means all of us being involved - and that "all of us" starts at our individual front doors.

So, let's get on with it, not being overly-concerned with self, but looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith (Heb 12 v 2). Looking only to further His glory

the same numbers flowing into the Kingdom as in Argentina, China, India, Malaya or parts of Africa? People do respond to being talked to, especially when the Holy Spirit has been prayed into the situation.

On the streets of Chatham and Rochester we have many Divine appointments each week - just from a few hours' work. (We ask for Divine appointments every morning in our prayer time together.) The Holy Spirit is no respecter of persons (Acts 10 v 34) and He will provide for any who are willing to make the effort - for any who will make the quality decision to use the power of the Holy Spirit for the lost and dying in our communities.

Do we make it sound too easy? Sure, there are times when we seem to have failed, like the three hours spent in Gravesend one day. We had about forty encounters, a few were even prayed for, yet the net result was no salvations.

But later, as I sat on the platform of Chatham railway station, a young man spoke to me whose sister is a born-again Christian and I had the privilege of leading him in the prayer of salvation. Gravesend was the workplace for that day but Dad provided a Divine appointment and gave us visible fruit for the day's work in that young man's changed life. Praise the Lord!

Can we afford to wait until the price might be terrorism, torture - or worse? We desperately need to take the life (that manifests quite naturally in every believer's heart) out of institutionalised religiosity where it seems to be

## CHAPTER 2

### FOUNDATION

We obviously have to re-think and change gear into a different kind of vision if we are not to think in terms of what happened in past revivals.

We know that the revivals were under-girded with prayer and we know that prayer is a large part of what is happening in China, Korea and Africa. While in Ghana, I was told (and they used such an awesome voice to say it) - "**The Nigerians are coming**". This was said by Ghanaians who pray all night, have prayer meetings every day, and have a place near Sunyani called "Prayer Mountain". So what about the Nigerians? 6,000 of them (to date) have been martyred for the gospel. They **really** pray - and it's an essential part of their revival..

Should you have the chance to go to Africa or anywhere in the world that is experiencing revival, you will find prayer to be an absolutely vital element in what is going on. Yet, as important as prayer is (and make no mistake, 'no prayer - no revival') - but it is still only part of the picture. Praise the Lord, we **are** seeing effective prayer groups in our communities.

Prayer is sometimes an end in itself but usually it isn't. There is a practical side where, should we pray 'that

man' needs £10", Father might say "OK, you give it to him". Many Christians have had that sort of thing happen in their walk. I remember reading about Reece Howells who prayed for a man sleeping in a cardboard box under the arches. When he prayed for this man, the Lord told Reece to go and live with him until he was saved. He thought it was to be for a few days but it was not until six months later that the dear vagrant gave his heart to Jesus!

There has to be prayer but alongside the prayer there has to be commitment and practical outworking. "OK Lord - I'll go anywhere, do anything - anything you ask". That's what we sing. The Lord has already said in His word **"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature"**. (Mark 16 v 15). (I do understand that 'some go, some pray and some pay' - and that is right.)

Look at the practicalities of revival for Wesley. He prayed on his face before the Lord, spent quality time waiting on Him – then he got on his horse, rode 40 miles and preached the gospel in as many as 5 villages a day. Surely you can't get any more practical than that - and we know the result - REVIVAL.

Well, I don't suppose our revival will be quite like that! We know that nowadays not many people generally listen to a street preacher so it is very doubtful that the Wesley way for revival is to be our way. Even so, what Wesley accomplished is a good example of practical, down-to-earth, hard work. There was no question that it got the job done for it probably saved this country from the same sort of revolution that France experienced with

lives. In this world, the majority of the church are suffering and paying the price for revival - sometimes the ultimate price.

What of us, the comfortable minority of the body, having nothing worse than a few insults, hurt pride or embarrassment to hinder the propagation of the gospel. Does the job get done? We seem to have to rely on more money being spent on more crusades, etc – which don't seem to achieve the desired results. Why?

In our book "Evangelism – it's Easy!" we have shown that evangelism is in fact an easy exercise - not the 'impossible task' most Christians believe it to be. It is simply going up to people and talking to them (with a smile) and offering the things that our Heavenly Father wants to bless them with. We must tell them while we have the freedom and full opportunity to do so, in case persecution arrives in this country too.

Luke 23 v 31 says FOR IF THEY DO THESE THINGS IN THE GREEN WOOD WHAT WILL BE DONE IN THE DRY? It must surely be time for the Christians here in our 'easy-chair church' mentality to mobilise to be the soldiers - the army - that we are meant to be. If we could all ask Jesus to help us talk to a number of unsaved each week about Jesus, and invoke the power of the Holy Spirit to those unbelievers, the job would be done in no time.

Suppose we all asked ourselves 'how many of the lost do I tell about Jesus each day or each week?' Would we see

## CHAPTER 5

### PAYING THE PRICE

The greater part of the body of Christ suffers persecution - or the fear of it: from beatings, being burnt alive, rape, imprisonment, torture, crucifixion, ethnic cleansing, or loss of employment. We hardly ever hear of these things, as this news is denied by the various governments around the world.

Working in Zanzibar where religious freedom and freedom to proselytise is the law of the land, we have seen the evidence of three churches and one crusade having been bombed. The Anglican secondary school has been forced to become Islamic. There is an unspoken threat over everything and the Christians are well aware of things that they won't get permission to do. All this, where Christians have supposed 'freedom of expression'.

The result of this persecution is that the church universal grows. In Zanzibar, a 95% muslim island, we have witnessed Jesus saving over 400 muslims - Glory to God! Our brothers and sisters there are going out all the time to share the gospel and give out New Testaments in spite of the constant nagging fear of reprisal.

Wherever we look, our brothers and sisters are paying the price for building the church with their blood and their

the guillotine.

Yet we live in a similar situation with moral standards as bad - or worse - than Wesley's day and seemingly no answers. Our Mighty God has all the answers - it's just that Wesley, Finney, etc, were available to be used by the Almighty and to manifest the answer for their own needy generation. Has God got His Wesleys, Finneys, Whitfields and Booths for the here and now? YES, HE HAS - what a relief! Who is it? **You and me.** Who else?

Jesus said "Among those born of a woman there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist" (Matthew 11 v 11) - and what did John do? He went out and preached just like Wesley and in actual fact, he preached the same thing as Wesley, Booth and Finney, and all the others - including Jesus Himself. They preached repentance, which is the basis of the gospel of salvation through the blood of Jesus.

Let's look at the very first converts to the new church when Peter spoke the first message at Pentecost (Acts 2 v 38) THEN PETER SAID TO THEM REPENT AND LET EVERY ONE OF YOU BE BAPTISED IN THE NAME OF JESUS FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Jesus said "The Kingdom is in you" (that's 'us') - it is part of the new life manifest in us. We are not looking for a kingdom. We are in the Kingdom now and the kingdom isn't short of anything, especially revival. The

Kingdom has revival going on in the particular way that suits the time and place. Therefore it surely follows that the same Kingdom principles need revival to meet the circumstances peculiar to our own time and place.

As Jesus said “The Kingdom is in you” - (us) - so then revival is in us. The Holy Spirit is in us, Jesus is in us, so it follows that REVIVAL IS IN US ALL, JUST WAITING TO BE LET OUT.

Jesus repeated a lot of what He said because He knew how hard it would be for us to take it in. If we repeat things it is because this information has to go beyond the sin barrier, ie our own self-motivation and our possible desire to look good. If we are to move in revival, it may well be a place where none of us has ever dared to tread before. This revival is a place with brand new foundations.

So, into the first step, or more appropriately, leap! Perhaps a throwing of ourselves into the works that Father has prepared for us to walk in, so that we *have* to rely totally on Him. It is actually a place of security, however much it seems like a new and unknown place. Be sure our Dad will NEVER let us down if we are in His will.

would not normally think of repenting about.

My wife and I began to work our way through the list and dealing with the things the Holy Spirit revealed. At that point our ministry certainly tripled in salvations - at one point in Blantyre, Malawi the Lord graciously allowed us to witness 1,285 salvations in just two months. (We don't hold crusades - this is just in the streets and other public places.)

Of course there are other practical factors to take into account and it's true that some places do seem harder to evangelise, but that shouldn't be a reason to not go into any field that requires reaping.

This repentance has to be ongoing and while we work it out (or more accurately, the Holy Spirit works it out for us) we will all reap with success.

Glory to Father God and to the Lord Jesus Christ and to the precious Holy Spirit for doing all the work described in this book.

equals Revival' becomes living rhema word - and then the explosion can take place and the life that is locked up inside us can be let out for the lost and dying.

Repentance is an ongoing act where we begin by writing down our own sins of commission and also of **omission**. I can do no better than give you Finney's own list which is as follows:

1. Ingratitude to God
2. Lack of love for God
3. Neglect of Bible reading
4. Instances of unbelief
5. Neglect of prayer
6. Poor spiritual attitude
7. Lack of love for the souls of our fellowmen
8. Lack of concern for unbelievers
9. Neglect of family duties
10. Neglect of self-denial
11. Worldly mindedness
12. A critical spirit
13. Slander
14. Lying
15. Cheating
16. Hypocrisy
17. Judging fellow Christians
18. Bad temper
19. Hindering others from being useful to God
20. Being hard-hearted

Of course, this list is not complete but it serves as a starter and maybe brings to mind some things that we

## CHAPTER 3

### IN ME - IN YOU

All those years ago I found out that revival begins with me - and so it also begins with you. However, having that information does not mean that I understood what it actually meant. It was just information. How was I to bring that to fruition?

More recently, in 1997, (thirty years on), we were given a book about the Hebridean and Welsh revivals. In there it told us that the key to revival is repentance. OK, - but it was just more information, more words. Our next port of call was Brownsville, Pensacola, Florida, where we had the opportunity to speak with one of the pastors. He also told us that what has come out of this move of the Holy Spirit is repentance - yet we have heard all this before. Are we just not understanding something?

Back home, browsing through the books in our local Christian bookshop, one book "jumped off the shelf" into Olive's hands - or that's how it seemed! It was called "How to Experience Revival" by Charles Finney. What did it say? **REPENTANCE**. Was this just the same information again? We have always been taught to 'keep short accounts with God'.

A few weeks later, sitting in a seminar by Joseph Hedgecock, who teaches Christians how to listen to God and

how to come into His presence and stay there. How? By repenting. By an ongoing repentance, minute by minute, as we get the rubbish out of the way and keep a close walk with God. The devil will try to get us out of the throne room or the holy of holies, but we have to maintain our position by ongoing repentance and walking according to the Spirit (Romans 8 v 1b) and being willingly obedient.

Finney says that we can have revival at any time - just whenever we are prepared to take the time to work out our repentance in our own lives and then go out and perform the practical side. So what does repentance bring? - **REVIVAL!**

Finney lays out a list of things to deal with in our lives and you will find this list in Chapter 4. Not old sins that have already been dealt with and are under the blood and forgotten. It is not about dredging up the old stuff and re-examining it more closely under a new microscope. The past is nailed to the cross and even the handwriting is rubbed out. (Col 2 v 14) Our Heavenly Father promises that He has forgiven and forgotten about all our repented-of sin (Heb 8 v 12) - and He wants us to as well – and let go of all our guilt.

So, Olive and I began our own exercise of repentance, writing down the sins under general headings as the Holy Spirit revealed them to us and of course repenting of those things in detail and getting them out of the way.

Each page had a specific heading (like ‘pride’) and each

## CHAPTER 4

### REPENTANCE

I had heard over and over again that revival is about repentance. I heard what they were saying but I did not understand. I knew I was saved and that all my sin was washed away by the blood of Jesus - what had I missed?

Once when I was to preach in a big church in Florida I said I was going to preach on revival. My host, who attends that church, told me that a big-name speaker had tried to preach ‘repentance’ a few weeks ago but the pastor said that they had already repented in that church! What should I do? Was I sure my message was from the Lord? Was I brave? No. I’m ashamed to admit I preached something else. At the end of my message I added a few lines on revival and repentance. While Olive and I were ministering, the pastor asked anyone who felt they needed to repent to come forward - and there was much repentance that day.

This was a demonstration that that pastor’s heart was right. He just did not understand. There had been no revelation - it had been just words with absolutely no comprehension – just like it had been with me.

That’s what we want our readers to finish up with here - full understanding whereby the equation ‘Repentance

ing to turn their backs on Him. Sorry, but the buck stops here at my (and your) doorstep. It starts to get really personal.

In the light of all this - do we **really** want revival? It's easy to be glib until we find out where 'the rubber hits the road.' In Zanzibar, they start to pick up rocks to stone us as they shout out "blasphemy" when we tell them that Jesus is the Son of God. That, along with the bombed church buildings, is part of the price. What is the price for us - in England's "green and pleasant land"? Don't run away with the idea that revival will not disturb our comfort zone. It seems that it starts with you and me. Perhaps we should begin the practical outreach while we are still able to do so.

Or would we rather wait until torture or the death penalty is the result of preaching the gospel? The list of countries where that applies is just too long to print here.

of us wrote down the prideful things as the Holy Spirit brought them to mind. We then confessed each one, got it under the precious blood of Jesus - and then threw the paper in the bin. (It took a LONG time!)

The following day was amazing. We did our usual work in Rochester High Street, where previously we had seen only two salvations in as many years. The result for a couple of hours work was eight people giving their lives to Jesus, including a lady who was a prostitute and who now always carries a Bible in her handbag, and a Jew in the market. The following Friday Jesus saved seven people, including a Greek man who we had been witnessing to for more than 10 years. Glory to God for the release of His Holy Spirit to do it.

Since then, when at home, we seem to witness at least five salvations each week in Rochester or Chatham, where before, the people seemed as hard as brass. We praise the Lord for so many Divine Appointments and we are aware that we are reaping where others have sown and so many prayers have gone ahead of us.

We are certainly not claiming to have all the answers, but just imagine - if 100 repentant, power-filled Christians were to be doing the same in their locality, there could be a harvest of 500 or more salvations a week! Would this be considered revival?

We used to keep hearing Christians say things like "I want to go to Pensacola to be filled with the Holy Spirit". What happened to all those who went to Toronto? What

did they bring back? Did it bring about revival? Having been to many of these “Toronto manifestation” meetings around the country, I’m sorry to say I have not seen revival as the outcome. I understand that for some Christians it has been a time of refreshing - but the manifestation of the Holy Spirit is not usually just for self-edification over and over again, but rather to reach out to the lost.

Kingdom life is, or should be, normality for each one of us. Did Smith-Wigglesworth or George Jefferies have to go to Toronto or anywhere else to catch this supposedly “elusive” Holy Spirit? No, of course not.

It seems as a general rule that it is just the same few Christians working in the high street. But God can use a simple tract or a phrase caught from the middle of a sentence – praise His name.

We born again Christians all have Jesus actually living in us. Take time to digest that fact. The mystery revealed is “Christ in you, the hope of glory” (Colossians 1 v 27). This hope of glory is for the world. Our in-filling of the Holy Spirit - our Pentecost experience (not our Toronto or Pensacola experience) is not just an experience, it is our whole life; walk, power, love, grace, and everything we will ever need - all there inside us. Is this just so that we can have another beautiful experience? NO! Certainly not. It is for the lost and dying - for the people who are on their way to a lost eternity. An eternity of torment!

Revival begins with you and me. My own revival began when I became born again. The next step was to be allowed the privilege of leading another lost soul to salvation. He was a German hitch-hiker, Dieter Zimmerman, and a couple of weeks later, we were baptised in the same pool at the same service. If Dieter goes out and brings someone else to Jesus, and I go and do the same, and on and on - is that revival? That’s exactly what it is for each individual.

The devil seeks to break the chain so that life is not passed on from one to another in this way. We end up with Christians believing evangelism is difficult because no-one wants to hear anyway - we all know how embarrassed they get and how the gospel message stirs people up and makes them so angry.

Keeping the chain unbroken is almost too simple, yet so profound. How have we been inveigled into our false ideas? The experts seem to say and to demonstrate that there is an infectiousness in the gospel that carries the day. Then it is quite simple - let’s just do it how the experts say: and Finney says we can have revival when ever we want it - or as we are willing to tread the course.

What about the price to be paid?! Do we want revival Chinese style - with all the pastors being arrested and tortured? Or Sudanese style - with the heads of the families being crucified while the rest of the family are made to watch him die? Or Pakistan style - being burnt alive in your own place of worship if you won’t renounce Jesus? They can come out and escape the flames if they are will-