

SBC22 9 Marks at 9: What's Wrong with Us? Revival vs. Revivalism

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If we want to see revival coming from the Spirit of God, we must preach the Word and pray. What should be preached? God's holiness, man's sinfulness, Christ's righteousness, and then a call to carry the cross. Where was the hope for John Bunyan when he was grieved by his sin? Bunyan grieved by sin—found hope by remembering that My righteousness is in heaven. What keeps us from focusing there when we feel the weight of our sin and what is the result? How will these four themes preached lead to revival from the Spirit of God? --Wrong focus when on our decision--Put focus on JESUS—HIS work/worth, not my own—FAILING TO SEE HOW CHRIST'S WORK NOT ONLY IN PAST, BUT IN PRESENT IS ONLY WAY TO LOOK AT God's holiness, man's sinfulness with hope in a way that makes us carry our cross (the things that call for sacrifice and death daily because NOT OUR OWN and NOT getting our identity apart from Christ's righteousness); Losing Christ in Christianity (Desiring God Articles 3/6/23) Thoughts? Phil. 3, II Cor. 9:10-15, Don't care about money/gift as much as tie from gospel/Christ to practical--How does their gift to the saints in Jerusalem show the submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ? not just deed, but overflow of gospel—YES, willingness to give, but how result of gospel? What might keep them from giving what promised? 9:1-2, 5, promised, but vv. 6-8 might speak to? Things tight—but all seem to be able to scrounge for something, so something else must be holding them back—own persecution, but II Cor. 8:12 love genuine—yes, to give, but PAUL telling them to give—perhaps they giving elsewhere? Perhaps Lord telling them to wait; perhaps . . . NOT showing love to give to everyone—sometimes in our desire to help one, we are hurting those we ARE to care for; According to II Cor. 8:1-5 shows right roots, How does “giving yourself to Christ” lead to actions of the Macedonians? HOW, 8:9—YES, gift, act, but more owning other believers; gift comes naturally as weigh out factors of whether they truly need this or a black hole, just like love to give good things to your children, BUT don't want to enable them wrongfully; but comes from owning them; but here, further, focus on giving as a group—yes, individually, but think what happens when you give and they don't (ie. Time, self, hang self into relationships, clean church, read books, say yes to needs and others don't? even when say that is between them and God, still notice—okay, job not merely to do it, but to bring others along—Christ calls us to respond as group—THIS group of Gentile believers to care for THAT group of Jewish believers—ONE God save all—both groups struggle to be one--(if surrounded by other Christians and doing own thing, you are NOT fulfilling God's purpose for His people Eph. 4:15-16 (WE grow up in ALL aspects to Him who is HEAD, even Christ), Rom. 15:6, Eph. 4:2, etc. leads to next part of our video; 44:43-48:25 Ben Lacey on what else we need to do as a church to put focus in the right place INSIDE the church What thoughts crossed your mind about our individual and corporate responsibility w Lord's Table and Baptism? (how should the definitions of these studied and strengthened actually promote healthy churches AND protect against nominalism and unholiness); THESE are the marks distinguishing God's people from the world; speed and numbers in name of evangelism/conversion can lead to downplaying other ingredients like purpose and place of baptism and Lord's Supper—can't just let everyone get baptized; DON'T LOWER THE BAR or you gave them passport to get into all the churches – use all reasonable means—can't stop it all— How is this a different focus from where we normally focus with baptism and the Lord's Table (has your view of Lord's Table and baptism shifted, should it)? Personal, mystical experience, rather than living, constant reminder that we are Jesus representatives on earth—Eph. 4:15-16 He is HEAD of followers, therefore, respond to Him which pulls us toward His goals (Your kingdom come, will be done) and His people (not merely the ones that agree w us—yet to truly work for unity of Spirit, can't take on ALL Christians—hence local body); Ill-fruit of revivalism: --talking about sexual abuse so much b/c just dumped report about it—WATCH dangers of throwing stones—this is a big problem NOT that pastor's untrustworthy—YES, but that Christian's have been sloppy all over—personal holiness—we are NOT part of SBC, so listening in on their conversation —these ordinances put in right place will be affected by four themes that said should be preached which will put focus on Christ—give HOPE, not just terror with these ordinances—if these ordinances DON'T have right place—baptized INTO Christ Col. 3:1-3, Rom. 6, communion/ fellowship w God tied to fellowship with His people I John (ex-commun-icated), then gospel not identifier, instead, lift up what each other wants us to lift up as the identifier (my gifts, my personality, my needs, my brokenness, etc.—leads to the “woke” problems where people need to wake up to what THEY focus on rather than on what God focuses on)

58:00-end Mark Dever

Positively a love for God and a love for others will lead to 5 distinct things that go together.

Discipling, Evangelism, Raising up leaders, Church Planting, Missions

what is the root of these five things? What is the “germ” he talks about? How does his What do we need to do to foster this root?

How do these five things TOGETHER result from a love for God and a love for others? Why will there be a culture of raising up elders and leaders if men, women, boys, girls follow Jesus?