ARISE AND SHINE! A GENERATION NEEDS US Isaiah 60:1-4

EPH 5:14 NIV THIS IS WHY IT IS SAID: "WAKE UP, SLEEPER, RISE FROM THE DEAD, AND CHRIST WILL SHINE ON YOU."

The Caleb Prayer

O HIGH KING OF HEAVEN HAVE MERCY ON OUR LAND.

REVIVE YOUR CHURCH;

SEND THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE SAKE OF OUR CHILDREN

MAY YOUR KINGDOM COME TO OUR NATION IN JESUS' MIGHTY NAME, AMEN!

America's Survival Depends on How Jesus' Church Responds

- The 3 Prongs of Revival/Awakening:
 - 1. Revival & Re-Firing of the Church
 - 2. The evangelization of a generation
 - 3. The Transformation of society

Revival/Awakening Prepared For Coming Conflict

- Revolutionary War 1776 –1st Great Awakening (1745-65?)
- War of 1812 Revival of 1801
- Civil War 1860 –2nd Great Awakening (ca. 1850)
- WW 1 1914-18 Preceded Pentecostal Revivals began 1890s into 1900s +

Revival Is...

Revival is the overwhelming sense of God's presence...

- ...that falls powerfully on a Christian people...
- ...who have become dead and lethargic in their spiritual lives,...
- ...reviving those elements of the Christian life that God intended to be normal for His Church.

"Caricature" Defined

A picture, description, etc., *ludicrously* exaggerating the peculiarities or defects of persons or things – any imitation or copy so distorted or inferior as to be *ludicrous*.

Caricatures









Caricatures of The Gospel

- "Eternal-Life insurance" Keep me out of Hell
- "Fire Extinguisher" "In case of emergency"
- "<u>Write your ticket with God</u>" Health and Wealth
- "Social Justice" relieve human suffering
- "Ethical Creed" code of behavior be nice
- "All You Need Is Love" No Changed Life

Quotes

J.D. Walt – "when THESE CARICATURES are the Gospel you believe in –

...then your Gospel is TOO SMALL!

'CUZ MISSING THE MOST IMPORTANT PART

Quotes

Paris Reidhead: "Is God an End, or is He a Means?" (And then...)

"Does the Lord intend to make man happy? Sure...but as a by-product, not as a prime product."

WHAT IS "THE GOSPEL"?

Rom 5:8 NIV84 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

John 3:17 NIV84 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Fundamental Truth

THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST IS THE SINGULAR, YET COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION TO ALL THAT IS BROKEN IN <u>OUR LIVES</u> AND IN <u>OUR NATION</u>.

AND THE CALL OF JESUS – IN THE GOSPEL:

"To Give Your Life for HIS PURPOSES and for HIS GLORY!"

Quotes

Paris Reidhead: "A person (has truly) repented when he/she comes to the place where they discover that the will of God is... (that He, God, governs over their life), and the reason for their life is for the glory of God. He/she only has repented who has changed their mind about their reason for being."

Eph 5:14 NIV "Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Sow For A Great Awakening

HUMILITY, REPENTANCE, **AUTHENIC HOLINESS** (a life set apart for God's purposes) RECONCILIATION, PRAYER & PETITION **PERSEVERENCE**

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Tomorrow Night Here – 6:00-8:00

Share, Learn, Be Encouraged, Pray and Believe for Nothing Less

Isaiah 60:1-5

"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. (2) See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you... (5) Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy...