

"Not Rocket Science"

1 Peter 1:13-2:3

What will it really take for "revival" to happen?

There are no secret formulas
There are no magic potions
There are no easy shortcuts

The question is whether or not we are ready:

Are we prepared for action?
Are we disciplined in self-control?
Are we optimistically hopeful?

Holiness becomes my standard, not an ideal

Holiness refuses to give in to evil desires
Holiness follows the example of God
Holiness is a life-style for Christians

The Gospel becomes my passion, not a hobby

There is a hell to fear
There was a price that was paid
There an urgency of time

Love becomes my commitment, not a feeling

Love is created by a transformed heart
Love is must be a matter of the will
Love has its source in God's word

Growth becomes my priority, not an option

The weeds must be eliminated
The fertilizer must be applied
The harvest must be anticipated

Four commitments I'm willing to make

I will not let revival depend on other people
I will not let revival depend on my feelings
I will make revival a priority in prayer
I will make revival a priority in leadership

13 Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. 14 As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. 15 But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; 16 for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

17 Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. 18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. 20 He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. 21 Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

22 Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart. 23 For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. 24 For,

"All men are like grass,
and all their glory is like the flowers of the field;
the grass withers and the flowers fall,
25 but the word of the Lord stands forever."

And this is the word that was preached to you.

2:1 Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. 2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, 3 now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

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