

A Thirsty Church, A Holy God & A Dry Land

John 17:13-19

13 "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them.

14 I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world.

15 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.

16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.

17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

18 As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

19 For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

CPR = Christ's Preeminence Returning in our lives

Paul S. Rees - "Revival and evangelism, although closely linked, are not to be confounded. Revival is an experience in the Church; evangelism is an expression of the Church."

John 7:37-39 is a very appropriate passage in considering the subject of revival.

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37 On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink.

38 Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."

39 By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

1. Israel looked back to the time when God had provided water from the rock in the wilderness.

2. Israel looked to their present need –

3. Israel looked to the future –

I. Revival begins with the desires of a Thirsty Church!

JOHN 7:37b - "Let anyone who is thirsty"

Jer. 2:13 - "My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

Leonard Ravenhill - "The reason we do not have revival is that we are content to live without it!"

JOHN 7:37b (WUEST) - "Let him be coming to Me, and let him be drinking."

Mt. 5:6 - Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

II. Revival is based on the desires of a Holy God!

JOHN 7:38a - Whoever believes in me, as Scripture HAS said . . ."

Charles Finney - "Revival is no more a miracle than a crop of wheat!"

III. Revival overflows from a Holy God and a Thirsty Church into a Dry Land!

Revelation 22:1 - Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb

JOHN 7:38b - "rivers of living water will flow from within them."