

# Glad Tidings

“And we bring you good tidings of the promise made unto the fathers...” (Acts 13:32)

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## Revive Us Again

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**R**evive us again/fill each heart with thy love/ may each soul be rekindled with fire from above ...

Thus goes the old familiar song that we have sung many times. I wonder how many have sung this song without receiving the blessings for which we asked. If this be your lot, maybe it is because you were of the opinion these things would be yours by being acted upon, without yourself acting.

While we may ask God to “Revive us,” we have no right to expect it unless there is effort on our part. We are revived by accepting and feasting on the Word of God.

There are many who belong to the class of the spiritually dead who need awakening or reviving. Yet in spite of efforts on the part of many, such individuals are content to sleep the sleep of death and cannot

be aroused from their lethargic stupor. Why is this so? It is because so many are not willing to meet God’s conditions. One is revived only when God’s conditions are met:

“If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.” (2 Chron. 7:14).

God therefore, requires that we humble ourselves – meaning to humiliate; to bring down low; to bring into subjection. It is the exact opposite of pride. “Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.” (1 Pet. 5:5,6)

God also requires that we pray. We are to ask in order to receive. (Matt. 7:7,8)

Our asking must be in the name of Christ, (John 16:23, 24) and in faith. (James 1:6-7)

We must seek His face – meaning to search out, to strive after. This involves putting God first. When God becomes first in our lives we will turn from our wicked ways – which is another of God’s requirements.

When each individual meeting at Parkview meets God’s requirements, then and only then will there be revival, vessels of honor, sanctified, fit for the master’s use, prepared for every good work. (2 Tim. 2:21)

“And this, knowing the season, that already it is time for you to awake out of sleep: for now is salvation nearer to us than when we first believed.” (Romans 13:11)

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