

WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU, LORD

Part 2 of The Cry for Revival. Isaiah 64:5-7.
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I WANT/NEED REVIVAL

The 1742 revival in Cambuslang, Scotland.

THE FIRST AND SECOND STEPS TO PREPARE FOR REVIVAL

Step one: Wait on the Lord in prayer - Isaiah 64:1-4.

- Send a revival. Start with me.

Step two: Repent - Isaiah 64:5-7.

- Turn from all known sin.
- Turn back to the Lord.

ISAIAH 64:5-7

God welcomes sinners who come home: 5 You welcome the one who joyfully does what is right; they remember you in your ways.

Sin makes God angry: 5b But we have sinned, and you were angry. How can we be saved if we remain in our sins? 6 All of us have become like something unclean, and all our righteous acts are like a polluted garment; all of us wither like a leaf, and our iniquities carry us away like the wind.

Sin destroys us: 7 No one calls on your name, striving to take hold of you. For you have hidden your face from us and made us melt because of our iniquity.

WHY SHOULD WE REPENT?

I'm a Christian, why should I repent?

- I'm right with God through faith in Jesus. I repented years ago when I first trusted in Jesus as my God and Savior, why do I need to repent now?
- Three reasons ...

1. Repent! Because God welcomes sinners back - verse 5a.

- God is happy when sinners come home.
- Jesus taught this in Luke 15:

Luke 15:7 (CSB) I tell you ... there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety- nine righteous people who don't need repentance.

Luke 15:10 (CSB) I tell you ... there is joy in the presence of God's angels over one sinner who repents."

Luke 15:32 (CSB) 'But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'

- God welcome us home because his grace is greater than all our sins.
1 John 4:14 (CSB) We have seen and we testify that the Father has sent his Son as the world's Savior.
- No one is too far gone, no one is so deep in sin, that God's grace cannot bring them to repentance.

Romans 5:20 (CSB) ... where sin multiplied, grace multiplied even more.

2. Repent! Because sin angers God - verses 5b-6.

- Many think that saying Jesus is our Savior gives us permission to go on sinning. But ...

Romans 6:1-2 (CSB) What should we say then? Should we continue in sin so that grace may multiply? 2 Absolutely not!

- Authentic Christians will not enjoy their sins. Their conscience and the Holy Spirit will sound the alarm.
- The fact that sin angers God should be reason enough to repent. However, sin also repulses God - verse 6.
- When we go on sinning, it repels God and creates a separation between us and God that no true Christian wants or enjoys.

Psalms 5:4 (CSB) For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil cannot dwell with you.

- Repent now. Turn from sin as soon as you feel conviction in your heart.

Repent! Because sin destroys us - verse 7.

- Intentional, habitual sins harden our hearts to God so that he feels absent or unnecessary, so we don't seek him. Tragic.
- Habitual sin will "melt" our face. That means it dominates and controls us
- When sin controls us, it takes us on a journey away from Jesus, faith, and salvation. It destroys us.

2 Peter 2:20-21 (CSB) For if, having escaped the world's impurity through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in these things and defeated, the last state is worse for them than the first. 21 For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness than, after knowing it, to turn back from the holy command delivered to them.

- Check out these passages about professing believers who wrecked their faith: Luke 8:4-15; Philemon 1:24; 2 Timothy 4:10; 1 Timothy 1:18-20; 2 Peter 2:20; Hebrews 3:12-14.

- This is a helpful online article: <https://www.desiringgod.org/interviews/how-do-people-shipwreck-their-faith>
- Repentance is an urgent necessity in our lives. Keep short accounts with the Lord.
- It's war. Do not surrender to sin. Don't let it get a foothold in your heart or mind. Cut off its roots before they choke your faith and kill it.

REPENT FOR REVIVAL

Repent now.

- Remember, the Lord is waiting to welcome us home.
- Don't put this on the back burner.
- Ask the Lord for more grace to repent.

Hosea 6:1-3 (CSB)

Come, let's return to the LORD.

For he has torn us,
and he will heal us;

he has wounded us,
and he will bind up our wounds.

2 He will revive us after two days,
and on the third day he will raise us up
so we can live in his presence.

3 Let's strive to know the LORD.

His appearance is as sure as the dawn.

He will come to us like the rain,
like the spring showers that water the land.

BOOK TABLE

- Look for Michael Brown's book on Revival: Revival Or We Die.