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What Is Revival?

Revival comes by understanding that sin is the measure to use for salvation. God saves sinners from sin. But sinners who remain sinners do not get saved. This is the true teaching of revival. Jesus says "Go, and sin no more"¹. It is God's grace that saves sinners from their sins. That is what gives GRACE its meaning.

THE GRACE of Christ is enormous because he is the one who literally changes us so that we "sin no more". Do you doubt the true meaning of the Scripture that says he will save his people "from their sins"²?

What must we do to break free? Believe in Christ. I cannot stop sinning! I hear the cry. Maybe the cry is not so loud, but there are other ways of saying the same thing. It is by GRACE that I will be saved. I will call on the name of Jesus, when I meet him in heaven and he will save me.

What many of us hopeful people fail to realise is that if grace cannot save us from sinning while on the earth, grace cannot save us from sinning while in heaven. He certainly cannot save us, because the bottom line is that sin ultimately is our own choice. This is where hell comes in. It is a place for those who will not change their sinful ways.

Revival starts when we have a correct idea of what sin is. Did sin come to us from Adam such that we are born sinners? May I ask, was Adam born a sinner? Did God make him inevitably a sinner? We might as well say that God created sin.

No, Adam was the first to sin, not God. So how can that sin be magically passed through Adam's seed to the next generation, if Adam could not change his own biological functions? Did God suddenly change his biology to produce sinners? This is all absurd. You will realise that Original Sin is just a dogma. It is not reasonable and it is not taught in the bible.

There is a certain sense in which "through Adam all have sinned"³ but this is not in the biological sense. It is not an involuntary inheritance we each

obtain. It is only when we think of what Adam has done in disobeying God that we are tempted to do the same. It is only in this sense that Adam has passed down his sin to us. Ultimately the choice is our own, so we are fully to blame if we do not leave our sins behind.

The world has got to such a state that "all have sinned"⁴ by choice. This is not the first time this has happened. During the days of Noah, God said the world was covered in wickedness, and he thought that the people were to blame! They chose to do it, they were not born that way. Otherwise, how could it have grieved him? And how could he have saved one man who was also "born that way"?

Some teach that Christ died for Noah, so even if Noah was born like the others, his sin was covered. But does this mean that Christ did not die for those who were drowned in the flood? If he did not die for them, can we equally say that Christ did not die for everyone who is in hell today? The bible clearly teaches the opposite, that "God so loved the world" that "whosoever" - this is the key word. Jesus Christ died for all of mankind and Eternal Life is available to all of mankind.

God chooses Noah, a man who walks in his ways. In future, he chooses David, the man after his own heart, and on and on through history, God finds the righteous to be those who have chosen the ways of the Lord. Everywhere in history do we see the judgment of God too, not randomly, but on those who deserve it.

Think of David's sin. Did David inherit adultery with Bathsheba biologically, or did he sin by choice?

Then we come to the question of known sins and unknown sins. This is built upon the Original Sin dogma. I have heard some of us pray that God will "forgive all our sins, the ones we commit every day". Which ones? Most of the time we who pray this do not know which ones we are talking about. So is this repenting? It is not repenting unless we know what we are repenting of. What we are actually trying to do is to ask forgiveness for the things we think we cannot help, and which we wrongly believe came from Adam.

¹ John 5:14, John 8:11

² Matthew 1:21

³ Romans 5:12

⁴ Romans 3:23