**THE MESSAGE WE NEED**

**I John 1:3-10**

**3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.**

[**4**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-John-1-4/)**And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.** [**5**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-John-1-5/) **This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.** [**6**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-John-1-6/) **If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:**

[**7**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-John-1-7/) **But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.** [**8**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-John-1-8/) **If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.** [**9**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-John-1-9/)**If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** [**10**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-John-1-10/)**If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.**

**INTRO:**

**\*\*Many times I’ve heard sermons preached; however, the most significant services for me when God worked in my life was when God sent a message just for me.**

**\*\*I’m convinced that God is still sending messages, but I’m also convinced there are many who refuse to listen.**

**\*\*I believe God is sending a message today, and somebody needs to listen. This is the message we need! (V-5)**

**\*\*Three things about this message we need . . .**

 **1. This Message has been Penned so you can have the Fullness of Joy!**

**I John 1:4 [4](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-John-1-4/%22%20%5Co%20%22View%20more%20info%20for%201%20John%201%3A4) And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.**

 **2. This Message has been Preached so you can have the Fellowship of Jesus!**

**I John 1:3 3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.**

 **A. We can have Fellowship with Christ.**

 **B. We can have Fellowship with Christians.**

 **3. This Message has been Preserved so you can have the Forgiveness of Jesus!**

**I John 1:9** [**9**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-John-1-9/)**If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**\*\*I believe there is a Message We Need today!**

**\*\*This message is for the Christian, the Church, and for the Carnal so you better hear me and hear me well!**

**\*\*This is THE MESSAGE WE NEED**

**I. The Message We Need Gives Us a REMINDER**

[**John 14:26**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-14-26/)**- But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.**

 **A. We Need a Reminder about the Wickedness**

 **1. We live in Perilous Times**

**II Timothy 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.**

 **2. We live in Prayerless Times**

**II Timothy 3:2-4** [**2**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Timothy-3-2/) **For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,** [**3**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Timothy-3-3/) **Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,** [**4**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Timothy-3-4/) **Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;**

**\*\* I did read where anyone is praying! God help us!**

 **3. We live in Powerless Times**

**II Timothy 3:5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.**

 **B. We Need a Reminder about the Word**

**I Timothy 4:13 Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.**

 **1. Give Your Attendance Until He Comes**

 **a. You better Gather in Church**

 **b. You better Gather in Christ**

 **c. You better Gather in Close**

 **\*\*Get close to God and Get close to Grace!**

 **2. Give Your Attention Until He Comes**

 **a. Pay Attention to the Scripture (the Reading)**

 **b. Pay Attention to the Sermon (the Exhortation)**

 **c. Pay Attention to the Spirit (the Exhortation)**

 **d. Pay Attention to the Study (the Doctrine)**

**I Timothy 4:15-16 [15](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-Timothy-4-15/%22%20%5Co%20%22View%20more%20info%20for%201%20Timothy%204%3A15) Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.**

[**16**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-Timothy-4-16/) **Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.**

**\*\*The Message We Need will Remind us of some things, and we will either have to say, “Amen,” or “Oh me.”**

**\*\* If we have to say, “Oh me,” then you better get on the altar before God!**

**II. The Message We Need Give Us a REDEDICATION**

**Galatians 1:6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:**

**\*\*Paul said that he was amazed and marveled over how these Christians in Galatia had removed themselves from the Lord that had called them into the grace of Christ!**

**\*\*Like Paul I am amazed and marvel over some Christians who have removed themselves from the Lord!**

**\*\* I Marvel at Christians who no longer . . .**

 **A. Love to Pray**

 **1. They once prayed for God’s Presence.**

 **2. They once prayed for God’s Power.**

 **3. They once prayed for God’s Purpose.**

 **4. They once prayed for God’s Plan.**

**\*\*The Message We Need today says to rededicate to Loving to Pray!**

 **B. Love the Preaching**

 **1. They once loved Preaching with an Anointing**

 **2. They once loved Preaching with an Authority**

 **3. They once loved Preaching with an Accountability**

 **4. They once loved Preaching without an Apology**

**\*\*The Message We Need today says to rededicate to Loving the Preaching!**

 **C. Love to Participate**

**\*\*We read in Acts 2 about the Day of Pentecost, and what the Christians did after that great revival!**

**Acts 2:42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.**

**\*\*I marvel at how some folks never want to participate in the service, in Sunday School, in fellowshipping, in breaking of the bread, or in prayer together.**

 **1. They once loved to Study.**

**“they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine”**

 **2. They once loved to Seek.**

**\*\*They participated in seeking for the Lord and His will.**

 **3. They once loved to See.**

**\*\*They wanted to go to church to see what God was doing!**

 **4. They once loved to Share.**

**Acts 2:44-45** [**44**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Acts-2-44/)**And all that believed were together, and had all things common; [45](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Acts-2-45/%22%20%5Co%20%22View%20more%20info%20for%20Acts%202%3A45)And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all *men*, as every man had need.**

 **5. They once loved to Smile.**

**Acts 2:46 And they . . . did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,**

 **6. They once loved to Sing.**

 **7. They once loved to Shout.**

**Acts 2:47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people.**

**\*\*The Message We Need today says to rededicate to Loving to Participate!**

**\*\*The Message We Need will cause us to Rededicate ourselves to Christ and to the Church!**

**III. The Message We Need Gives Us a REVIVAL**

**Psalms 85:6 Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?**

 **A. Look at the Person of Revival**

**\*\*In Psalms 85:6 it says, “Wilt thou,” and in Psalms 85:7 it tells who the “thou” is. Shew us thy mercy, O LORD, and grant us thy salvation.**

 **1. Revival does not come because of a Preacher!**

 **2. Revival does not come because of a Parent!**

 **3. Revival does not come because of a Personality!**

**\*\*Revival only comes because of one Person, and that’s the Lord!**

 **B. Look at the People of Revival**

**\*\*Psalms 85:6 the writer referred to “us” and to “thy people.” It’s us – God’s people – that needs revival!**

 **1. God’s People need to be Observant**

 **a. Open your Eyes and see what He trains you to do.**

 **b. Open your Ears and say what He tells you to do.**

 **2. God’s People need to be Obedient**

 **a. Follow the Spirit**

 **b. Follow the Savior**

**\*\*Revival only comes when God’s people start observing what God is doing and obeying what the Lord says to do.**

 **C. Look at the Pleasure of Revival**

**Psalms 85:6 that thy people may rejoice in thee**

 **1. It’s a pleasure to Rejoice in the Spirit!**

 **2. It’s a pleasure to Rejoice in the Service!**

 **3. It’s a pleasure to Rejoice in the Soul!**

**\*\*The Message We Need will cause us to have Revival!**

**CLOSE**

**Illustration: I read about a couple who was having marriage problems and had drifted apart. They would get in arguments over the least of things. The husband dreaded going home. The wife dreaded seeing him come home. One day he decided if things were going to change then he had to change things. So one morning he woke up and said, “What can I do today to make your life better?”**

 **At first she took it that he was trying to start an argument, and she said, “Nothing! Absolutely nothing!”**

 **Each morning he asked the same question, so after telling him to do laundry and dishes and seeing him do it each time, she started to spitefully give him hard tasks to tackle. “Clean the garage,” she told him one day. “Do some landscaping around our house.”**

 **No matter what task she gave him to do, he would do it. Soon she began to see his sincerity. Then one morning he asked the same question. “What can I do today to make your day better?”**

 **Her response was this. “You should not be asking me that question. I should be asking you that question. You have done so much to make things better, and I haven’t. Please forgive me.”**

**Application: That’s what we need to be saying to the Lord! God has done so much to make our life better and to give us life more abundantly, and we’ve done little to nothing. What if we decided to sincerely to work on our relationship with the Lord like that? What if we sincerely decided to work on our dedication to the church and the Lord’s work like that?**

**What if we began to ask these two questions every day?**

**1. What can I do today to make my relationship with the Lord closer and better?**

**2. What can I do today to make my church better?**

**\*\*I really believe if we would sincerely seek the Lord and ask Him to show us what to do, He would show us. I also believe if we would do our best to follow through and do it, He would bless us and our efforts for His glory!**

**\*\*Have you ever heard from God, and you knew beyond all doubt that you did not just hear a sermon, but you heard a message from the Lord?**

**\*\*The Message We’ve Needed has been preached to you.**

**\*\*You’ve needed a reminder, a rededication, and a revival.**

**I John 1:5** [**5**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-John-1-5/) **This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all**

**What will you do with it?**

**Will you Respond? Will you Repent?**

**Will you Rededicate? Will you Rejoice?**

**Will you come and ask these two questions with all sincerity and with every intention of following through?**

**1. What can I do today to make my relationship with you Lord closer and better?**

**2. What can I do today Lord to make my church better?**