

# WHAT REVIVAL LOOKS LIKE

2 Cor. 7:11-16



**FIRED UP**



2 Cor. 7:11 For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, *what* clearing of yourselves, yea, *what* indignation, yea, *what* fear, yea, *what* vehement desire, yea, *what* zeal, yea, *what* revenge! In all *things* ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.

12 Wherefore, though I wrote unto you, *I did it* not for his cause that had done the wrong, nor for his cause that suffered wrong, but that our care for you in the sight of God might appear unto you.

13 Therefore we were comforted in your comfort: yea, and exceedingly the more joyed we for the joy of Titus, because his spirit was refreshed by you all.

14 For if I have boasted any thing to him of you, I am not ashamed; but as we spake all things to you in truth, even so our boasting, which *I made* before Titus, is found a truth. 15 And his inward affection is more abundant toward you, whilst he remembereth the obedience of you all, how with fear and trembling ye received him.

16 I rejoyce therefore that I have confidence in you in all *things*.



Here are some better **definitions of revival**; these will be found to be more consistent with biblical teaching:

"Revival is a return to spiritual health after a period of decline into sin and broken fellowship with God...  
Revival is for God's people when they need to be forgiven and restored to life, spiritual health, and vitality"  
-Blackaby & King (Fresh Encounter, Lifeway, 1993)

- I. THE ATTITUDE CONFRONTING PRESSURE, 7:4-7
- II. THE ANSWER CONCERNING PURPOSE, 7:8-10
- III. THE APPROACH'S CONSEQUENTIAL PRODUCTION, 7:11



#### IV. THE AFFECTION CAUSES PRAISE, 7:12-16

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## A. The Motivation for the Action, 2 Cor. 7:12

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### NOTE:

- The anticipated judgment refuted:
  - “*I did it* not for his cause that had done the wrong...”
  - “...nor for his cause that suffered wrong...”
- The actual judgment revealed:
  - “...but that our care for you in the sight of God...”
  - “...might appear unto you.”



## B. The Means for the Affection, 2 Cor. 7:13-16

2 Cor. 7:13 Therefore we were comforted in your comfort: yea, and exceedingly the more joyed we for the joy of Titus, because **his spirit was refreshed by you all.**

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- Paul was comforted by the Corinthians' behavior – 2 Cor. 7:13a “Therefore we were comforted in your comfort...”
- Paul was comforted by the joy of Titus – 2 Cor. 7:13b “...yea, and exceedingly the more joyed we for the joy of Titus...”
- Paul was comforted by seeing the results of revival – 2 Cor. 7:13c “...because **his spirit was refreshed by you all.**”

Prov. 27:17 Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.



- Paul was justified in his appraisal of the Corinthians.

2 Cor. 7:14 For if I have boasted any thing to him of you, I am not ashamed; but as we spake all things to you in truth, **even so our boasting, which *I made* before Titus, is found a truth.**

- Paul rejoiced in learning of the conduct of the Corinthians.

2 Cor. 7:15 And his inward affection is more abundant toward you, whilst he remembereth the obedience of you all, how with fear and trembling ye received him.

16 I rejoice therefore that I have confidence in you in all *things*.



- Obedience produces joy for those who take accountability seriously.

Heb. 13:17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, **as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that *is* unprofitable for you.**

A revived soul will righteously affect others to righteousness.  
(The Prov. 27:17 effect.)

A revived soul will result in blessed unity among the believers!





## Conclusion

Phil. 2:1 If *there be* therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,

**2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind.**

**3 Let nothing *be done* through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.**

**4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.**

**5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:**