

# **Walking in Revival : Practical Guide to Christlikeness Col. 3:1-17**

## **What is “Revival” for The Gathering?**

A powerful move of God’s presence that restores us back to the Biblical standard of living like Jesus.

## **What is the End Result of Revival?**

Permanent and sustainable life-change by the power of God’s Word and God’s Spirit to live like Jesus on the earth today.

## **How Long will Revival Last?**

If we are obedient to Him in this time of revival, then the impact and momentum of revival can be sustained until will we see Him face to face.

## **What Does it Look Like to Be Walking in Personal Revival And Ushering That Revival For Others? Col. 3:1-17**

**Above All, Put on Love Col. 3:14**

## The Definition of True Love

- “And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect unity.” Colossians 3:14
- “Love” - Greek “agape” = affection, benevolence, charity (selfless)
- In God’s economy, love is not just a feeling or emotion, love is a selfless act. “For God so loved the world that He gave...”
- Jesus is the living definition of love - sacrificial, not focussed on self, but determined to build up others despite the personal cost.
- Biblical definition of love - “Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.” 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

## The Importance of Love

- “And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect unity.” Colossians 3:14
- “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” Matthew 22:37-40
- “By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:35

- “If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but do not have love, I gain nothing.” 1 Corinthians 13:2-3

## **How to Put on Love**

### **1. Have Your Own Saul Moment**

- Let’s read Acts 9:1-19 together please.
- Saul was both deeply religious and completely lost, thinking that He was helping God while actively working against His heart and plans.
- Though Saul could check every box in the religion category (Philippians 3:4-7), he had never had a personal encounter with Jesus.
- When Saul did experience God’s presence, he was both humbled and radically changed forever.
- Not only was Saul changed through a powerful encounter with Jesus, but He was filled with the Spirit so that He could “see” the ways and plans of God.
- From that moment on, Saul was ruined for this world. He spent the rest of his life homesick for heaven, giving up everything to “know” Jesus as his Lord.
- Have you had a genuine life-changing encounter with Jesus?

## 2. Remain in God's Presence

- The only way we will be able to consistently “put on” genuine love is to be an overflowing source of the presence and love of God. (John 7:38)
- How do we do that in a practical way?
  1. A continual heart of repentance as the Spirit guides
  2. Intentional time in God's Word with the Spirit
  3. Consistent Lifestyle of Fellowship - doing everyday life with Jesus everyday
  4. Obedience - Jesus said, “If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love,” John 15:10a. There is a sweet and consistent intimacy that can only be forged in the trenches of everyday obedience.

As we remain in God's presence, His true love will naturally flow out of us onto every person that He brings into our lives.

## 3. Be Available to Love

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- Biblical love is not cheap, easy or convenient. It wasn't for Jesus and it isn't for us today.

- Unfortunately, in our “rat-race” culture, we are often too busy in our schedule, or too focussed on our personal pleasure to be inconvenienced by love.
- Are we willing to be available for love? Honestly, are we willing to lay down our daily wants and pleasurable agendas to be spent by love?
- “I’m a coin in Your pocket Lord, spend me anyway You wish.” - unknown

#### **4. Be Obedient to Love**

- True selfless love is always a conscious choice.
- Jesus’ greatest act of love required a choice, “yet not my will, but yours be done.” (Luke 22:42.b)
- We must not only be available to love, but we must surrender to be obedient.
- Fortunately, we don’t have to wait for that inconvenient moment to choose to be obedient to love.
- We can choose to “die” to our flesh today, so that we can be ready to be obedient to love tomorrow. “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.” Galatians 2:20a
- Today, will you fully surrender your life to total obedience to God? Will you lay yourself on the altar of obedience? Then Christ will live in you, and He will always lead us to be obedient to selfless love.