

WHY HAVE THIS MEETING?

Acts 8:5, 8
Romans 1:14-17

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1. THE MEETING IN SAMARIA

1. The Samaria meeting was a genuine revival. There are many revivals today not as fruitful of good results.
2. Many may be questioned and even criticized for one reason or another:
 - (1) Just have a revival because we have always had one.
 - (2) An utter lack of preparation for the revival by those responsible.
3. If all this be true it does not necessarily follow that revivals are not longer good. It just points up our failure in the matter.

2. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING:

1. Why have house cleaning twice a year?
2. Why have teacher training classes, elders' work shops, Train series for all members?
3. Why do merchants invoice twice a year, some every 30 days?
4. Why do we have political campaigns?

3. SOME REASONS WHY WE SHOULD HAVE REVIVALS. We need this revival because:

1. It affords an opportunity to let people show whose side they are on. Moses asked, "Who is on the Lord's side? let him come unto me." Exodus 32:26
 1. The little lady who could not hear: Why do you come all the time some asked, "I want people to know whose side I am on."
2. It affords us an opportunity to invite our friends and neighbors to a special meeting. We could do that all the time! I know we could, but at the same time I know we do not. ~~MEMEMEMEM~~
3. It affords us an opportunity to warn people of the displeasure of the Lord toward lazy indifferent people. Ezekiel 3:16:21
4. It affords us an opportunity to have a part in exhorting and admonishing one another. We need to exhort:
 1. Our young people and teach them. Ecc. 12:1. Eccl.
 2. All of the church as to the whole duty of man. 12:13
 3. Exhort and admonish and warn people of the impending Judgment. Eccl. 12:14
 4. It affords us an opportunity to exhort people to a great work. John 9:4

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WHAT WE NEED TODAY

During World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Viet Nam Debacle we have heard of a new order of things for the church especially, a new approach, a new gospel ETC. ~~MEMEMEMEM~~

As always we find ourselves in the same old world with the same old problems. Do we need a new gospel? Perhaps we do! Let me tell you of it: Rom. 1:14-17

1. WE NEED A GOSPEL THAT FINDS FAULT.

1. A gospel that will bring to light our hidden and public faults and help us get rid of them.

2. WE NEED A GOSPEL THAT STIRS UP STRIFE.

1. Not as little men stir up strife among themselves, but
(1) A gospel that stirs up strife between right and wrong: That right may be known... And that right may win.

3. WE NEED A GOSPEL THAT SEPARATES

1. A gospel that separates between good and evil, the chaff and the wheat.

4. WE NEED A GOSPEL TO DRAW MEN DOWN FROM PRIDE

1. A gospel that will draw men away from preconceived notions and opinions contrary to God's will. That will draw men into "pure and defiled religion." Ja. 1:27

5. WE NEED A GOSPEL THAT WILL MAKE MEN UNCOMFORTABLE

1. A gospel that will stir men up to the realization that they are most willingly failing to do their best.

WHERE IS SUCH A GOSPEL?

1. Where is such a gospel to be found. Man of himself does not have the answer as we all have seen.
2. Man's ideas in religion have divided the world.
3. It is that Old Time Gospel, that Old Time Religion that saved men then and will save man today... and nothing else will.

