Revive us Again – 1 John 4

**Focal Truth: Revival is the work of the Holy Spirit among His people**

Do you know how the Holy Spirit works in you?

Are you aware of the Holy Spirit’s power in you?

Do you love your freedom more than you love Jesus?

Have you come to have a greater love for others?

God the Holy Spirit is the source of reviving life for the believer

John 6:63 – it is the Spirit who gives life the flesh profits nothing – we talked about this truth a few weeks back.

John the Apostle lists evidences of the work of the Spirit in revival

**Observations**

1. The Spirit of God increases love for the Lord Jesus Christ 4:2-3

 *by this you know the Spirit of God, every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ*

 *has come in the flesh is from God, & every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not*

 *from God, this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming*

 *and now it is already in the world*

 a. A love for the Lord Jesus Christ virgin born, crucified & risen from the dead

 b. A love that confesses that Jesus is the Son of God

 4:15 whoever shall confess that Jesus is the son of God, God dwells in him

 Matt. 10:32 – whoever shall confess me before men, him I will confess

 before my Father in heaven

 Rom 15:9 – I will confess to you among the Gentiles & sing to your name

1John 5:1 – *whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ born of God & whoever loves the*

*Father loves the child born of Him*

**Holy Spirit revival restores our first love of the Lord Jesus Christ**

2. The Spirit of God resists the work of Satan & the world 4:4 -5

 *you are from God, little children, & have overcome them, because greater is He*

 *who is in you than he who is in the world. They are from the world, therefore,*

 *they speak as from the world, and the world listens to them*

 a. Resistance to Satan’s kingdom of encouraging & establishing sin

 The spirit of Satan is in the world

 Satan is the god of this world

 b. Resistance to world lusts

 1 John 2:15 -16 – love not the world neither the things in the world

 if any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him, for all

 that is in the world, lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes & the pride of life

 is not of the Father but of the world

**Holy Spirit revival brings resistance against Satan & worldliness**

3. The Spirit of God creates a greater love for scriptures as God’s truth 4:6

 *we are from God, he who knows God listens to us, he who is not from God does*

 *not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth &the spirit of error*

a. Love for the Scriptures as God’s truth, from God’s messengers

 We are of God = the apostles…he that knows God hears us

 Love for the inspired word of God given to us from the apostles

 John 14:17 – the Spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive, because

 it does not see Him or know Him but you know Him because He abides in

 you

**Holy Spirit revival brings a greater love for the God’s word**

4. The Spirit of God creates a spirit of love for God & fellow man 4:7

 *beloved let us love one another, for love is from God, and everyone who*

 *loves is born of God & knows God*

 a. Those who love others God is in them – 4:12

 b. Those who love others love them with God’s love 4:7

 *beloved if God so loved us we ought to love one another – 4:11*

**Holy Spirit revival brings greater love for God & others**

**Things to Remember**

1. Holy Spirit revival is real revival

2. The spirit of antichrist is real in the world today – denying the Lord Jesus Christ

3. Love for the Lord Jesus grows when the Spirit is at work in our lives

4. Love for others grows in revival

**Daily Use**

1. Be filled with the Spirit

2. Praise the Lord Jesus Christ express to Him your love

3. Seek time in God’s word it will keep you from error