Revive us again – Ps 119:156

**Focal Truth: God revives His people as they depend on His word**

Do you believe that God’s word can change your life?

Do you believe that God’s word can show you the way to have revived life in Christ?

Why don’t more Christians go to God’s word for life, encouragement & direction?

When was the last time you spent time reading God’s word?

**Observations**

1. **God’s promises bring fresh life to weakened saints – 119:154**

*plead my cause, and redeem me, revive me according to your word – promise*

 a. God’s people rely on God’s promises in all of their circumstances

 1. 119:9 – how can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it

 according to your word

 2. 119:25 – my soul cleaves to the dust, revive me according to your

 word

 3. 119:28 – My soul weeps because of grief, strengthen me according

 to your word

 4. 119:41 – May your lovingkindness come to me O Lord, your

 salvation, according to your word

 5. 119:58 – I sought your favor with all my heart, be gracious to me

 according to your word

 6. 119:107 – I am exceedingly afflicted, revive me according to your

 word

 7. 119:116 – sustain me according to your word

 8. 119:169 – give me understanding according to your word

 9. 119: 170 – deliver me according to your word

 b. God’s people pray like Mary – “may it be done according to your word!”

2. **God’ word is the gift of God’s mercy – 119:156**

*Great are your mercies, O Lord, revive me according to your ordinances*

 a. By God’s great mercy we are born again – 1 Pet. 1:3

 b. By God’s great mercy He loves us with great love – Eph. 2:4

 c. By God’s great mercy He has spoken to us in the last days through the

 Lord Jesus Christ – Heb. 1:2

 d. By God’s great mercy He gives us the truth about salvation from sin

 through Jesus Christ – John 14:6 – I am the way, the truth, the life…

 e. God’s great mercy heals the sinner through His word – Ps 107:20

 He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their

 Destruction

The Lord Jesus prayed: I have given them your word, & the world has hated them

because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world

3. **Love for God’s word strengthens the heart & mind of the believer – 119:159**

*Consider how I love Your precepts, revive me O Lord, according to your lovingkindness*

 a. Those who love God’s word spend time in the word of God – they read &

 study

 b. Those who love God’s word obey God’s word

 c. Those who love God’s word share God’s word

 d. Those who love God’s word eat God’s word – they memorize & meditate

 Peter confessed to the Lord: “you have the words of life”

 e. God loving revives His people in their weariness of soul by revealing His

 word to them

 The Lord prayed: I praise you Father, that you have hidden these things

 from the wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants

 Luke 10:21

**Things to remember**

1. Meeting God in His word warms us in the love of God

2. God reveals Himself to those who read His word

3. Life comes to those who live on God’s promises

4. God loves us so much that He spoke to us!

5. God’s word gets in you as you spent time in it!

**Daily Use**

Put away your sin & receive the word of God in humility & childlike faith – James 1:21

Present yourself to God as you come to read & hear His word

Pray as you come to God’s word – speak Lord for your servant is listening!