

Definitions of Revival, Restoration, Reformation, and Revolution

Genesis 26

A. Revival

1. Definition: The working of the Holy Spirit to cause a renewal and returning to fervency in our faith and spiritual life. It is a shifting of believers from spiritual apathy to spiritual vibrancy, and from lukewarmness to passion for Jesus.
2. Fruits and Evidence of revival:
 - a. Repentance
 - b. Love for the Word of God and prayer
 - c. Passion for Jesus
 - d. Walking in Righteousness
 - e. Love for Souls

B. Restoration:

1. Definition: To bring back or re-establish foundations or fundamental pillars in our faith that have been lost.
2. Examples include the restoration of the 5-fold ministry in the 1950s and the restoration of the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the 1980/1990s.

C. Reformation

1. Definition: To rectify, purify, correct, or improve an existing truth, discipline, or lifestyle that is still being practiced but has deviated from its original intent.
2. The reformation by Martin Luther in 1517 brought about a returning back to Scripture, salvation by faith, and the 5 Solas (5 fundamental practices of our faith)

D. Revolution:

1. Definition: A complete and radical departure from what previously existed; a total change and transformation unto what has never been seen before.
2. The first revolution: Jesus' First Coming
3. The last revolution: The Eschatological Revolution and Jesus' Second Coming.