“Revive Us Again”

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Text: Galatians 6:9-10

### Intro

1. Galatians 6:9-10:
   1. God knows that men get discouraged and become weary! The Holy Spirit, through Paul, tells us not to “lose heart in doing good” & not to grow “weary!”
2. II Thessalonians 3:13:
   1. “But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary of doing good.”
3. “Revive Us Again” (1863) by William Paton Mackay (1839-1885)
   1. He was born in Montrose, Scotland on May 13th, 1839.
   2. He graduated from University of Edinburgh and was a doctor for most of his life.
   3. He was converted after finding a Bible in the personal effects of a patient who died.
   4. The Bible was his! It was a gift from his mother still with his name in it, that he had sold years earlier.
   5. He wrote “Revive Us Again” shortly after being reunited with his Bible. It was published under the original name, “O Lord, Revive Thy Work.”
   6. He became a Presbyterian preacher in Hull, Scotland in 1868 till death on Aug. 22, 1885.
4. This hymn reminds us that Jesus is the answer to not getting weary from the struggles with the world & temptations!
   1. Matthew 11:28-30: “Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.”
   2. Hebrews 12:3: “For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”
5. This hymn reminds us to be thankful and to praise God for Jesus and for the Holy Spirit!

#### Praise God For Sending Us The Savior

* 1. Stanzas 1 and 3 remind us of the great sacrifice Jesus paid for all mankind!
     1. Stanza 1: “We praise Thee, O God, For the Son of Thy love, For Jesus who died, And is now gone above.”
     2. Stanza 3: “All glory and praise To the Lamb that was slain, Who has borne all our sins And has cleansed every stain.”
  2. Jesus paid it all!
     1. I Cor. 15:3-4: It was foretold in the Scriptures that Jesus would live, die, be buried, and rise again!
     2. It was prophesied that He would come to bear our sins – Is. 53:4-5
     3. God could have sent Him as a full-grown man, but He wanted His Son to experience all that a human does---all the joys, grief’s, and troubles of life so that He might sympathize with us -- *Heb. 4:15: That is exactly what happened!*
  3. He was sent for 3 primary reasons:
     1. To show us what God is like – Jn. 10:30; 14:6-10
     2. To teach us how to live – Jn. 8:12, 31-32; I Pet. 2:21-23
     3. To save us – Jn. 1:28-29; 3:16; I Pet. 2:24-25
  4. He has “cleansed every stain” because His blood was the purchase price of our redemption: Eph. 1:7; I Pet. 1:18-19; Rev. 1:5
  5. We show God our thanks and praise for His Son’s sacrifice through our obedience and faithfulness to the gospel!

#### Praise God For Sending Us The Holy Spirit

* 1. Stanza 2 praises God for His Spirit of Light!
     1. Stanza 2: “We praise Thee, O God, For Thy Spirit of light, Who has shown us our Savior, And scattered our night.”
  2. Praise God and give thanks for sending the Holy Spirit:
     1. Jn. 14:26: The Spirit of Light is the Holy Spirit whom the Father sent in Jesus’ name.
     2. Jn. 15:26-27: The Spirit has shown us our Savior because He testified of Christ in the written word.
     3. Jn. 16:13: The Spirit has also “scattered our night” because He revealed to the apostles the light of “all the truth” in God’s word! *(II Peter 1:20-21)*
     4. Rom. 5:8: The Spirit convicts us of sin –In order to bring us to and keep us in Christ
        1. Too often people choose the wisdom of man to solve their problems, when they need to turn to God! *(Is. 55:8-9; I Cor. 1:18-31)*
  3. He gives us comfort in sorrow—Through God’s word!
     1. Reminding us of God’s presence and love despite life’s trials – II Cor. 1:3-7
     2. Providing strength to go on – Acts 9:31; II Thess. 2:16-17
     3. Reminding us of the Scriptures to lift our fallen and crushed spirits in time of need – Rom. 8:18, 28; *I Thess. 4:16-18*
  4. We show thanks to God for His word through study and application of it in our lives!

#### Praise God For Sending His Son Back One Day

* 1. The chorus of the hymn praises God and ascribes to Him glory!
     1. Chorus: “Hallelujah! Thine the glory! Hallelujah! Amen! Hallelujah! Thine the glory! Revive us again!”
  2. Jesus has “now gone above” *(Col. 3:1)* and awaits the time for His return!
     1. I Thessalonians 4:16-18: One day the trumpet will sound for the Return of the King!
        1. Jesus will be coming not in reference to sin but for salvation! (Heb. 9:27-28)
  3. A complete contrast to the 1st time He came:
     1. The first time He came as a lowly babe *(Lk. 2:12);* this time He will come as a conquering King – *Mt. 25:31-46; II Thess. 1:7-9*
     2. The first time He came riding into Jerusalem on a donkey *(Lk. 19:30-40);* this time He will come on a white horse – *Rev. 19:11-16*
     3. The first time He came as the sacrificial lamb *(Jn. 1:29; Acts 8:32);* this time He will come as the Lion of the tribe of Judah – *Rev. 5:5*
     4. The first time He had few friends and only a handful of followers *(Is. 53:3; Mk. 14:50);* this time He will come with all the hosts of Heaven – *II Thess. 1:7; Rev. 19:14*
     5. The first time He came to suffer *(Mt. 16:21; Lk. 24:24-26, 46-47);* this time He will come to bring judgment and salvation – *Mt. 25:34, 41, 46; Heb. 9:27-28*
  4. We show thanks to God for the salvation to be revealed in living godly lives and being watchful and ready for Jesus’ Return! *(II Pet. 3:10-12)*

## Conclusion

1. “Revive Us Again” reminds us to be grateful and praise God for:
   1. God sending His Son to redeem us from our sins!
   2. God sending the Holy Spirit to reveal His word and will for our lives!
2. May we ever give God the glory, praise, and thanksgiving due Him for all He has done for us! (Ps. 96:1-3: “Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples”)
3. After a year that has wearied many souls, let us be reminded of this hymn as we go into the next year and be “Revived Again,” praising God for sending our Savior and the Holy Spirit, and for one day sending Jesus back for salvation & judgment!
4. If you are not a Christian, you need to be! Believe, repent and be baptized!
5. If a Christian struggling with sin in your life, repent and He will forgive you, as will we.
6. Whatever your requests, let them be made known ***NOW*** while we stand & sing!