

Truth and Revival

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Resources:

Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *Revival*

J. I. Packer, *Keep in Step With the Spirit*

Truths foundational for revival

1. **The living God** reigns and gets involved.
2. **The Bible** is God's authoritative message.
3. **Human sin** provokes God's wrath.
4. **Jesus** is God become human, embodying God's power, wisdom, truth, and love.
5. **The blood** of Christ crucified saves from sin.
6. **The Spirit** enlivens, embraces, and enables.
7. **Grace** justifies us by faith, not works.
8. **Rebirth** implants God's eternal life in us.

Emphases may differ

- John the Baptist came with a strict lifestyle and stern warnings.
- Jesus came with joy and celebration and displays of healing and love.
- God's enemies didn't weep at John's message or rejoice at Jesus' message.
- Edwards preached wrath; Moody preached love; both were God's instruments.
- Converted people weep at God's wrath against sin and rejoice in God's love. God is real to them, in his wrath and love.

Misguided Orthodoxy

- **Facts without fellowship:** focusing more on an accurate system of teachings than on a personal, prayerful, loving relationship with God and with other people
- **Majoring in minors:** overemphasizing things that are less clear and less central while underemphasizing the clear, central truths
- **Spirit of smugness:** feeling superior to those who know less, and feeling satisfied with business as usual in a lifeless church

Misguided Orthodoxy

- **Talk without walk:** holding correct ideas but living without holiness, obedience, or love: grieving the Holy Spirit
- **Structure without Spirit:** fixated on order and organization, while fearing enthusiasm and energy: quenching the Holy Spirit
- **Excluding the extraordinary:** saying that because believers already have the Spirit, it would be wrong to seek greater personal filling or miraculous revival in the church

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