



Taking Hold of God's Rescue Plan

Ephesians 2:1-7



Revival in the Family

- A. Revival to bring to life, spiritually. To reinvigorate from a state of spiritual slumber or apathy, self-will or self-absorption.
- B. In the family to embrace revival in my particular "season of life," i.e., single, married, widowed, divorced.



A. Humanity is:

- 1. Spiritually dead. V1.
- 2. Following the "course of the world." V2
- 3. Following the "prince of the power of the air." v2
- 4. ... [you were] "sons of disobedience."
- B. You were ... "children of wrath." v2:4

Question: What is God willing to do to rescue humanity (the family) from the prince of the power of the air? V2:4



- A. His power is not ultimate.
 - "Prince" not King. V2:2
- B. His dominion is:
 - 1. Spiritual; 2 Cor 4:4; Eph 6:12
 - 2. Limited in scope. "air"; v6:12;
 - 3. Limited in influence: "sons of disobedience."
 - 4. His weapons are deception; tempting our minds and bodies.
- C. What is *God willing to do to rescue* humanity from satan's domain?



• Act 26:18 to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.

2. Do you think the phrase "children of wrath" refers to "bad people," out there, or to everyone?

- A. We are by nature "children of wrath." V 2:3, Rom 3:23
- B. "Wrath" God's anger. Eph 5:6
 - 1. "Stored up," future judgment. Rom 2:5, Eph 5:6, Col 3:5-6
 - 2. Sons of disobedience. Eph 5:6, John 3:36

Question: What is God willing to do to rescue humanity (the family) from His righteous wrath? To give us a new nature?

- 3. In Christ, the mercy of God is revealed. God's love caused him to do something to avert His righteous judgment towards us.
- A. Being rich in mercy. V 4
 - Motivated by His love. V4.
 - God "saw our tears" and brokenness.
- B. God made us alive. V5
 - Christ took our place as a sinner
 - Our faith sanctified us. Acts 26:18
 - He indwelt us by the HS, giving us 2nd birth
- C. Revival is now my right as a Christian!

Call to Action

- A. Have you been hesitant to claim your right as a believer to newness of life, revival? Will you make today your day to take God at His word?
- B. Have you been hesitate to embrace revival in your family? As a parent, a youth, a single, why not vocalize to someone your intent to be revived by the HS in your daily life?