

**“REVIVAL: Fanning Into Flame  
the Gift of God That Is In You!”**

**“Honesty Is Its Own Reward!”**

**Psalm 32:1-11; I John 1:5-10**



Introduction: “If we SAY we have not sinned, we make Him (God) a liar, and His Word is not in us!” - I John 1:10

Relationships are built on trust, and trust is built on honesty.

TRUE revival must be MORE than “religious activity” ... it happens on the inside, where the Spirit is at work in God’s people.

**HONESTY opens the door to oneness with God and with others!**

### **I. The Misery of Deceit ...**

**Psalm 32:1-4:**

If your sin doesn’t bother you, it means that the old nature is firmly in control.

If you are one of God’s children His Spirit will inevitably bring you to a point of such misery that you will cry out to return to the Lord.

**I John 1:6,8:**

We live in a time when confronting sin is considered to be unloving and intolerant.

**Ephesians 2:1-4a ...**

Living out a lie, pretending to be happy and at peace with God as you live in your sin, keeps you in bondage.

### **II. The Fruit of Confession ...**

**Psalm 32:5; I John 1:7,9:**

If you are serious about REVIVAL you need to keep your mind set on GOD’s goal: conforming you to the image of JESUS !!

**Romans 12:2; John 3:19-21 ...**

HONESTY, with God and yourself, brings freedom from the power of sin to enslave you, to oppress you, to weigh you down.

**I Corinthians 10:13:**

BEING tempted is NOT sin! It is what you do when you are tempted that leads to sin!

**James 1:13-15:**

Honesty shines a light on sin and leads to freedom as you draw near to God, rejoicing in your new identity !! (II Cor. 5:17)

**I Corinthians 6:9-11:** “And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God” (vs. 11).

The fruit of confession is a new identity in Christ and freedom from the guilt and power of sin!

### **III. The Joy of Restoration ...**

**Psalm 32:6-11:**

When you are restored into fellowship with God, His Word becomes food for your soul.

**I John 1:9:**

The result is JOY in your relationship with God that then affects the way you think and act in your other relationships.

Deep, spiritual honesty has the power to transform YOU ... your marriage, your family, your home and even the CHURCH!!