

# *Revival of The Heart*

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As we begin the Year of our Lord 2010, let us resolve to know Him deeper than ever before, and to make Him known as though our own salvation rested on it! Jesus called for us to know Him, and He commanded us to tell the world about the Good News, that is, the Gospel—Christ has come! As Merrimack Valley Church has “dug in” to humble themselves before God, and yield to His will, and to reach out to others with His love, care, and goodness; we are witnessing a revival of hearts.

Revival is “spiritual awakening.” Literally coming to a new state of consciousness about Christ in your life; it involves the recognition of sin’s ever-weakening presence, the Kingdom’s never-ending power, and the Holy Spirit’s forever-present comfort. Reviving one’s heart brings that person away from the pain and pleasures of the world, into the blessings and boldness of God’s eternal Kingdom. When one is revived in Christ, they are alive to Christ by His Spirit, and that means death to the old ways of thinking, acting, and talking. Self-rule and self-will yield to the pervading presence of God’s will for your life. We give Him the old, to be dead with His crucified body; and He gives us His new life, with the promise of a new body—the body of Christ. This body is His Church, and He is the head of the body. Wow! What a great trade!

What worm, plowing its way through the ground, sightless, wouldn’t rather be a man? What man would ever want to go back to being a worm? We have been made alive in Christ; and now many at MVC are being revived in their faith, which is leading to “new creations” in Christ for others.

Praise the Lord with all your heart and give Him thanks, and give Him glory, for He is doing a great work in our lives, at a place one-half mile north of the Epsom Traffic Circle—maybe one day, famous to thousands and thousands. Amen!

May the Lord grant all wisdom and grace to receive this message and live out its purpose!