

PRAYER FOR VISITATION THIS WEEK

Special prayer is requested for visitation this week. In addition to my regular programme, I plan to call with several people with whom I have come into contact in recent weeks and months. I am persuaded that these are doors that the Lord has opened. These visits will take up at least one entire day, probably more. Please pray that the Lord will go before me, doing that further work of opening that only He is capable of performing – opened hearts to the truth of His Word and the wonders of His Christ.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Thursday, 23 October @ 8pm: Young People's **Seminar on Outreach Techniques**
- Lord's Day, 26 October and Monday evening (8pm), 27 October: **HARVEST SERVICES 2014.**
- Friday, 31 October @ 8pm: **EPS REFORMATION RALLY** with Rev. Ron Johnstone: *'The Truth Shall Set You Free – Standing Firm in the Faith in Days of Confusion.'*

MEETINGS TODAY

- Sunday School & Bible Class – 10.15am
- Morning Worship – 11.30am (Mr. Robert Campbell)
- Adult Bible Class – 3.10pm (with Rev. Ian Kenny)
- Evening Service – 7.00pm (Rev. Ian Brown)

INSPIRATION IN A SENTENCE

"Guilt or grief is all that gracious souls get by communion with vain souls (Psalm 119:136, 158)" – Thomas Brooks



5 STEPS TO GENUINE REVIVAL

A message preached by Dr. Ian Paisley on Wednesday, 31 March 1976, has been listened to a staggering 80,000 times via Sermon Audio.

Just after Dr. Paisley announced his retirement from Martyrs Memorial I was contacted by Mark Patterson from BBC Radio Foyle and asked to come across to the studio for an interview. He inquired whether there was any material he could look up in the meantime that would give him a flavour of Dr Paisley's ministry. I directed him to this message on Sermon Audio – '5 Steps To Genuine Revival.' He returned within the hour, positively enthused. And little wonder: this is a true classic on the subject of revival.

The text was **Haggai 1:7-8**: *"Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways. Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD."*

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5 STEPS TO GENUINE REVIVAL BY DR. IAN R.K. PAISLEY

I want to call you, Christian brother, Christian sister, to a consideration of your ways (cf. **vs.5&7**).

When I went preaching in the Ravenhill Road 30 years ago, 60 people called me to be their preacher. So I said, “*Now, we have 350 seats and only 30 people. How do you fill them? Consider your ways.*” So every Friday night I went down to that church with five or six men and we started at 11 o’ clock at night and we prayed upon every empty seat and said, “Lord, bring in sinners to fill these seats.” And we didn’t pray dry prayers. We prayed with tears in our eyes. We meant business. It was life or death. Either the church would grow or it was finished. But, you know, you don’t just fill seats by prayer. You have got to put legs on your prayers.

When you read the history of the old gospel preachers of the past we are only like a lot of pygmies today. These men were giants. These men meant to be at their best for God.

Do you believe that God saves men through his Word? Then go and preach the Word as if you did believe it. Expect God to do something. Mr. Nicholson, one of our great preachers said some churches if you brought a bucket of milk through the door it would be ice cream before you got it to the pulpit they are so cold.

I have found in my Christian experience that if I am going to do anything for God or be anything for God I have got to put myself body, soul and Spirit in to it, every bit of me, from the big toe to the top of my head. I am talking about the real genuine thing that changes man permanently and eternally, that changes the face of a district, that changes a church from but an old drab, dry church as dead as the dust on Pharaoh’s mummy to a church that is alive with the power of God. God, give us churches where sinners are scared.

We need to get back to the cross. Could I for a moment bring you to the place called Calvary? Could we stand this afternoon under the shadow of the old cross of shame? Could we gaze today afresh upon the bleeding, battered, broken body of God’s dear Son? Could I get my soul ignited with the warm passion of that great offering for sin? As I stand there under that cross I hate the world. I hate the flesh. I hate the devil. For that broken, bleeding, battered body of Christ is the handiwork of all three.

Come on, brother, leave the lowlands. You have stayed there long enough. Come on, sister, start the climb up Calvary’s hill today. Let’s say in our hearts we will go up the mountain. We will leave behind the world. We will leave behind those things that soil and stain our souls.

Do you want power? Then here is a power that breaks the coffin lid. Here is a power that rends the sepulchres’ rock. Here is a power that breathes life into the dead. It is the power of his resurrection (**Philippians 3:10**). Some churches are engaged in corpse washing. I am engaged in the resurrection business.

That cross is the great generator. It generates life and power and light and dynamic strength in the cross. Man, we need omnipotence to be let loose in the pulpit today, don’t we? May the Lord disturb the sleep of death. Get us up the mountain. Once people start going up the mountain to God they will pray different prayers. “*The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.*”

It says, “*Bring wood.*” Have you been out in the forest of lost souls? My in that forest of lost souls there are giant timbers that I have got to fell for Jesus. Will we ever cut down these great timbers of the forest? We need divine power (cf. **2 Kings 6**).

If I set off with my puny little ability and talents to face the world, the flesh and the devil, the great juggernaut of hell would go over me and I would be obliterated over night. But thank God there is a power that is divine. Oh, there is an anointing that comes from heaven. Oh the blessed spirit of God is sent to fill us, to fill us and fill us with His power.