



Dear Friend of *Abiding Above*,

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Prayer groups, prayer movements, prayer newsletters, prayer breakfasts, prayer lunches, and prayer vigils - I've heard men and women tell about praying all night face down on the floor. We have seen people pray at political events touching every single seat in large auditoriums that seat thousands. We have all received numerous emails, newsletters and publications with things like this written in them:

"I am praying for a God sent revival in our local church. We will meet tonight, tomorrow and Wednesday at 7:00 PM each night to pray. But we will not have revival until God rends the heavens and comes down in a special manifestation of His presence."

Here is another one:

"What is needed in the whole world today is a prayed-down Holy Ghost revival! For God to come down! For His Holy Spirit to convict sinners – in the Church and out – of sin. This is the paramount need everywhere today!"

When people cry out to God for revival one of the most often quoted Bible verses is, **Isaiah 64:1** – *"Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down! That the mountains might shake at Your presence..."*

My friend, we don't have to beg God for what He has already done. He has already come! We celebrate His coming each year during Christmas, and we worship Him as brothers and sisters in Christ. You see, we acknowledge this when we sing in our local churches,

"Heaven came down and glory filled my soul, when at the cross my Savior made me whole; my sins are washed away, and my night is turned to day, heaven came down and glory filled my soul."

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Church at Galatia in **Galatians 4:4-7** – *"But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ."*



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Jesus said, *"It is finished!"* **John 19:30**

After Jesus completed the work that God the Father sent Him to do, He ascended to heaven. God the Father sent God the Holy Spirit, Who now lives inside of the true child of God.

My friend, there would never have been a problem in Washington, if there were not first a problem with God's children on earth in whom Christ dwells. We do not have to beg God to come down out of heaven by "hard praying."

Remember, in Old Testament times, before Jesus died on the cross, Isaiah the Prophet cried out, *"Rend the heavens!"* Jesus has come! Jesus has died! Jesus is risen! He lives in you and me! We do not need to march on Washington. Remember, we surround Washington. Washington does not surround us. What is needed is for Christians to understand what the Apostle Paul pleaded for them to wake up and see. *"To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."* **Colossians 1:2**

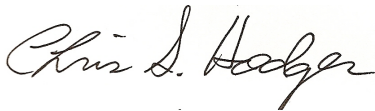
Jesus said in **John 17:20-21** – *"I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me."*

Why beg God down from heaven when he presently lives in the heart of every believer by the indwelling Holy Spirit? When each Christian surrenders to the immediate control of the Holy Spirit, our prayers will be answered and we will experience revival in our daily lives, not just at a scheduled revival from 7 pm to 8 pm and dinner afterwards.

This is the reason for the founding of Abiding Above Ministries...to get this message out far and wide through the printed page and the airwaves of radio and internet. Jesus Christ has come; He has died for our sin and our-self. He has risen and He lives right now in the heart of every true believer on earth. This is the revival message!

My friend, we need your help to finish strong in 2015. Please consider us in your end-of-year giving. We love you and many are blessed because of you. Thank you!

Abiding above,



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Colossians 3:1-3