

Sequim Community Church  
**Spiritual Renewal!** Titus 3:3-8  
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**A definition of spiritual renewal, also called revival:**

Revival is the **overwhelming sense of God's presence**... that falls **powerfully** on **people** who have become dead and lethargic in their spiritual life... **reviving** those elements of the Christian life that **God intended to be normal** for His Church. (Alec Rowlands, Pastor of Westgate Chapel)

**A. The first sign of spiritual renewal is deep dissatisfaction, followed by awareness of sin and shortcomings that are brought to light.**

*At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. Titus 3:3 NIV*

*Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds. Ephesians 2:22-23 ESV*

*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind. Romans 12:2 ESV*

*And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment. The world's sin is that it refuses to believe in me. Righteousness is available because I go to the Father, and you will see me no more. Judgment will come because the ruler of this world has already been judged. John 16:8-11 NLT*

*Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:30-32 NIV*

**B. There is a new awareness of God's presence.**

*But when the kindness and love of God our savior appeared... Titus 3:4 NIV*

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Psalm 51:10 ESV*

*They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles. Isaiah 40:31 ESV*

### **C. The Holy Spirit renews us and frees us!**

*He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior. Titus 3:5-6 NIV*

Unique characteristics of the Asbury Rival which illustrate this point!

- Lingering, waiting, meeting Jesus
- Trusted, reconciled and deep relationships
- An eye for the small and seemingly insignificant
- Radical humility is demonstrated
- A love for young people and desire to encourage them

### **D. Eternal life starts now.**

*Having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. Titus 3:7 NIV*

*We do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.*

2 Corinthians 4:16 ESV

*Put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Colossians 3:10 ESV*

### **E. God intended all of this to be normal.**

*This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone. Titus 3:8 NIV*

### **CONCLUSION**

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