



DATE: 21 April 2024 PM
TEXT: **1 Corinthians 3:16 (6:19)**
TITLE: **Fizzle**

verb: to fail feebly, especially
after a promising start

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and
I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you,
and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart:
and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Matthew 11:28-29

INTRODUCTION

- this evening, I want to continue our thoughts about revival and the spark within our church

**Revival is the church falling in love
with Jesus all over again.**

~ Vance Havner

- the message tonight came about because of several things:

the sermon on revival in **2 Chronicles 7:14**

a study on the word **SOUL** I have done

the problems in the church at Corinth

so combining them all together, we get tonight's message

Genesis 2:7

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Psalms 23:3

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Matthew 11:29 rest unto your souls

- a living soul...one without scars or any contamination;
an unexposed soul, if you will
 - a soul that has found rest...
 - a soul that has been restored...
- I think I'm on to something here, as far as **REVIVAL** is concerned
 - heart? spirit? soul!

1 Corinthians 3:16

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God,
and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

1 Corinthians 6:19

What? know ye not that your body is the
temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you,
which ye have of God, and ye are not your
own?

just as the context of this morning's message
concerned Solomon's Temple and the overwhelming
presence of God's glory there...

believers are the Temple of God and His
Holy Spirit dwells in us

body = Temple = soul container

just like the Temple in Jeremiah's day, it is
possible to dirty and defile God's Temple...
it needs to be restored

- using my study of these three things, let's follow the
path of our souls...

NOTE: in the outline tonight, I used the words as they
are found in our Bible, so as not to dilute the message
they convey...

1. THE DISCOURAGED SOUL

in **1 Corinthians 3:1-4**, Paul labels the believers at Corinth as **CARNAL** Christians

carnal = in the flesh

rather than living a spiritual life, these church members were more in the world, serving God in their own strength

as a result, they were not living up to their full potential as church members

1 Corinthians 3:9

For we are laborers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

they were supposed to be a cultivated field, ready to produce

they were supposed to be a fine building, attracting others to the possibilities

in their own strength, they could not work together and thus, became discouraged

Numbers 21:4

And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way.

discouraged = hampered; cramped or frustrated

2. THE VEXED SOUL

in **1 Corinthians 3:16-18**, Paul warned against defiling the Temple of God

defile = to ruin; to offend

the vexed soul has taken the next step away from a right relationship with God

the vexed soul is surrounded by ungodly people and things, to the extent that his hunger for God is greatly diminished

Matthew 5:6

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

now, nothing satisfies as it once did

2 Peter 2:7-8

And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)

3. THE DESTROYED SOUL

in **1 Corinthians 5:9-11**, Paul had told the church members not to associate with fornicators

in **1 Corinthians 6:9-11**, he gave a list of other pernicious sins from which the membership had been saved

some had even gone back to that old lifestyle and now were suffering the consequences

verse 9 ...be not deceived

verse 11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

to have been washed and set apart for God's use, only to return to the filth from which they had been justified???

its possible to be saved and return... temporarily...God never let's His children sin successfully

Proverbs 6:32

But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul.

destroy = to spoil; to decay

NOTE: even if you were perfect, you still must contend with your own sin nature, and your soul takes a beating

Job 9:21

Though I were perfect, yet would I not know my soul: I would despise my life.

WHAT SHAPE IS YOUR SOUL IN?