



## **Isn't the Revival at Several Universities Wonderful?** by [John T Polk II](#)

*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

**QUESTION: Isn't the Revival at Asbury University [Methodist- Holiness], Wilmore, KY, wonderful? And it's catching on at Lee U., Cleveland, TN, [Church of God/Holiness/Pentecostal], Cedarville U., Cedarville, Ohio [Baptist], & Samford U. in Birmingham, AL. [Baptist]!**

**ANSWER: Not all excitement, singing, jumping, and clapping is spiritually motivated. Anyone been to a basketball, football, or soccer game? Or attended a rally for any of these?**

### **1. Jesus put us on notice when, confronted by those whose traditional practices meant more to them than God's Word, He said:**

"Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: 'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men'." (**Matthew 15:7-9**)

Not all singing, praying, or fervency is acceptable to God. God told worshippers:

"Take away from Me the noise of your songs, For I will not hear the melody of your stringed instruments." (**Amos 5:23**)

It is useless ("vain") to emphasize a "revival" of worship practices from hearts not led by God's Word! A careful study of God's Word will show the difference between what is pleasing to God and what is rejected.

### **2. Through Solomon, God has said:**

One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, Even his prayer is an abomination. (**Proverbs 28:9**)

It is the Gospel of Christ that should unite people, not just any worship practices. Jesus said:

"And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself." This He said, signifying by what death He would die. (**John 12:32-33**)

After His resurrection He commanded:

"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." (**Mark 16:15-16**)

The Apostle Paul recorded:

I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed. For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ. (**Galatians 1:6-10**)

To change the Gospel, or ignore its fundamentals, may "please men," but is "accursed" by God!

3. The Gospel of Christ unites those who are:

... buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses. (**Colossians 2:12-13**)

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