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**What Is a Revival?**

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8:30 a.m. - 9:40 a.m.  
Sunday Church School  
Is a Family Affair  
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**T**HE word "revival" is as familiar in our mouths as a household word. We are constantly speaking about and praying for a "revival," would it not be as well to know what we mean by it? Of the Samaritans our Lord said, "Ye worship ye know not what," let him not have to say to us, "Ye know not what ye ask." The word "revive" wears its meaning upon its forehead; it is from the Latin, and may be interpreted thus—to live again, to receive again a life which has almost expired; to rekindle into a flame the vital spark which was nearly extinguished.

When a person has been dragged out of a pond nearly drowned, the bystanders are afraid that he is dead, and are anxious to ascertain if life still lingers. The proper means are used to restore animation; the body is rubbed, stimulants are administered, and if by God's providence life still tarries in the poor clay, the rescued man opens his eyes, sits up, and speaks, and those around him rejoice that he has *revived*. A young girl is in a fainting fit, but after a while she returns to consciousness, and we say, "she revives." The flickering lamp of life in dying men suddenly flames up with

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**WHY IS SUNDAY SACRED?**

**Scriptures:** Genesis 2:2, Exodus 20:8, Exodus 31:13-16, Matthew 28:1-6 and Mark 16:1-8

**Introduction:** Many people are confused about Sabbath Day worship and Sunday worship. This lesson will clarify the question through God's word and refute confusion about why we worship on Sunday.

**Lesson Aim:** To understand that God's word is truth from Genesis to Revelations, and to appreciate and celebrate God's **New Testament Covenant.**

The Sabbath is a holy day established

by\_ God. The word Sabbath means "rest." God sanctified the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the week, Saturday as the Sabbath, and declared it holy unto you. (Genesis 2:2; Exodus 20:8-11). God did not make a gentle suggestion for His people, the Israelites to rest from their own labors; instead, He mandated it.



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