

“SEVEN POINTS TO CHANGE AMERICA SPIRITUALLY”

HOSEA 14:1-9

INTRO: America is a nation that was built on biblical foundations. THAT CANNOT BE DENIED! But in recent generations she has gotten away from those biblical foundations and is consequently going down the road toward THE JUDGMENT OF GOD. **WHAT WILL CHANGE AMERICA?** NOT a new President. NOT a new Program. NOT a new Political Emphasis. **The only thing that will change America will be a TRUE AND GENUINE SPIRITUAL REVIVAL WITH A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF BIBLICAL TRUTH!** A study of the preachers of the GREAT AWAKENING, INCLUDING JONATHAN EDWARDS, GILBERT TENNANT, GEORGE WHITEFIELD AND OTHERS that lead to the DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE indicates SEVEN POINTS they emphasized in their preaching. As those SEVEN POINTS led to the FORMATION OF THE UNITED STATES, those SEVEN POINTS will **REVIVE AMERICA NOW!**

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NOTE: The SEVEN POINTS emphasized in this sermon were not a SEVEN POINT OUTLINE all of the GREAT AWAKENING PREACHERS PREACHED, but rather a SUMMARIZATION OF THEIR MESSAGE that brought a SPIRITUAL REVIVAL!

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I. THE GREATNESS OF GOD

THE POINT: God is a great, majestic and Holy being who created all things to Whom all creatures own their love, honor and respect.

THE SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy 3:24; Psalm 77:13, 95:3, 104:1, 135:5; Isaiah 12:6; Jeremiah 32:18; Malachi 1:11

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II. THE FALL OF THE HUMAN RACE

THE POINT: Adam and Eve, our first parents, rebelled against their Creator and went their own way, dragging down their posterity with them into the abyss of sin and judgment known as the “FALL” of mankind.

THE SCRIPTURE: Romans 5:12,18

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III. THE SINFULNESS OF MANKIND

THE POINT: The Human Race in its current state is a rebellious and fallen race. All people stand guilty and condemned before an infinitely just and holy God.

THE SCRIPTURE: Romans 3:9-18

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IV. THE DIVINE OFFER OF FORGIVENESS

THE POINT: God in His sovereign mercy and grace offers full pardon and forgiveness of sins to all who will put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ alone, Who died on the cross for all of our sins and rose again for our salvation.

THE SCRIPTURE: Romans 3:21-26

V. THE REPENTANCE FROM A FALSE IDEA OF SALVATION

THE POINT: Repentance from faulty foundations for faith must occur by “professing” Christians. Many “professing” Christians have built their faith on Church Membership, good deeds, family pedigree, social status and cultural refinement. Only faith in Jesus Christ alone as Personal Savior can lay the true foundation of righteousness and acceptance by God.

THE SCRIPTURE: Galatians 3:26

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VI. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE NEW BIRTH

THE POINT: There must be a new birth from which springs new desires and godly aspirations, producing a new character of living.

THE SCRIPTURE: John 1:1-7

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VII. THE REALITY OF ETERNITY

THE POINT: There is an eternal bliss in heaven for all who trust Christ as personal Savior and an eternal suffering and damnation for all those who refuse to receive God's gift of salvation in Jesus Christ alone.

THE SCRIPTURE: Danielle 12:1,2; Revelation 21:1-8

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CONCLUSION:

These seven points are so very basic! But the preaching of them brought revival to the original Colonies which became the United States of America and the preaching of them again today will bring revival to America today. For this to happen THE PULPIT MUST GET STRONG WITH BIBLICAL PREACHING AND THE CHRISTIANS MUST GET COMMITTED TO GODLY LIVING.