Five Minute Revival: One Question

Many Bible truths are simple. They may not be easy, but they are simple. Five Minute Revivals focus on truths that will change your Christian experience. Embrace truth that will bring adventure to your walk with God. Ken Brummel, Site Director Washington NH SDA Church washingtonsda@nnec.org www.firstadventistchurch.org

I have come to understand that my calling is to be a revivalist. A revivalist uses his or her gifts to re-energize other's spiritual journeys. Sometimes we need to break down what looks to be complicated into its most basic parts.

For instance, computers use binary code. The reason for this is that computers use electricity for power and for programming. Tiny capacitors hold memory on chips. And there are two options, on or off. That is it. To power parts of the computer, the electricity is on or off. In code, off is zero, and on is a one. By having a set rate that tells you if the electricity is on or off for this code you can send zeros or ones to another computer.

Another example of this is the complex machines that we use. There are only 6 simple machines: The lever, the wedge, the incline plane, the screw, wheel and axel, and the pulley. All complex machines are made up of two or more of these six items working together.

Moving from Revelation 14:6-12 to the loud cry of Revelation 18:1 and following is not complicated. It is answering a simple question. "What does God think a finished work looks like?"

There are several assumptions behind this question that I have.

- 1. God knows how the work will be finished.
- 2. God is working everywhere.
- 3. John 3:3 says that you are born from above when you see God's Kingdom (on earth).
- 4. God reveals what He is doing to His friends. (John 15:15)
- 5. The Holy Spirit teaches all truth, which includes what God is doing in these last days.
- 6. The goal of leadership in the church is releasing the local members, and supporting them.

As a revivalist this question, "What does God think a finished work looks like in your area?" is key. I do not think God will reveal to me what He is doing in your part of the world or work. Yet, I believe He will reveal to each of His friends the work He wishes for them to join.

While this question is simple, it will take a life-time of discipleship to live. Much like the time Jesus walked the pool of Bethsaida asking an invalid, "Do you want to be healed?" I believe God is asking us today, "Do you want to know what I think a finished work looks like?"