

REVIVALISM:

1. Revivalism **assumes** the normal Christian life is one of decline/ backsliding
→ oscillating between **backsliding** and **being** right with God.
2. Revivalism also assumes the **necessity** of “getting right with God!”
3. “Getting right with God” happens as &/ at a crisis decision **surrounded** by guilt.

The primary motivations are:

- Guilt
- Fear
- Shame

4. The crisis decision is brought on by **hard preaching** → that produces **guilt!**
5. Hard preaching is defined / described by a few issues and a few non-issues.
6. The preacher’s primary job is bringing about the crisis **through** hard preaching.

Why is the “preacher” in a position to do this?

6.1 The preacher as the “man of God” &/ the “anointed!”

Lots of “don’t touch God’s anointed!!!”

1 John 2:20 But ye have an unction (χρῖσμα) from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

1 John 2:27 But the anointing (τὸ χρίσμα) which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing (τὸ αὐτὸ χρίσμα) teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

Obviously, all believers are indwelt, baptized by the Holy Spirit into the Body of Christ, sealed by &/ with the Spirit, empowered by the Spirit, led by the Spirit, and anointed!!!

THE PREACHER IS ALWAYS CHARACTERIZED BY

6.2 The Preacher as the highest (and only?) calling!

1 Corinthians 7:17 But **as God** hath distributed to every man, **as the Lord** hath called every one, so let him walk. And so ordain I in all churches. 1 Corinthians 7:18 Is any man called being circumcised? let him not become uncircumcised. Is any called in uncircumcision? let him not be circumcised. 1 Corinthians 7:19 Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, **but the keeping of the commandments of God.** 1 Corinthians 7:20 Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called. 1 Corinthians 7:21 Art thou called being a servant? care not for it: but if thou mayest be made free, use it rather. 1 Corinthians 7:22 For he that is called in the Lord, being a servant, is the Lord’s freeman: likewise also he that is called, being free, is Christ’s servant. 1 Corinthians 7:23 Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men. 1 Corinthians 7:24 Brethren, let every man, wherein he is called, therein **abide with God.**

This has many bad repercussions:

- The **highest** calling is to be the Preacher
- That calling in confirmed experientially, mystically, & probably almost magically / supernaturally

GPC → What does that mean?

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- The Preacher has the **only** calling...maybe missionaries, Christian School teachers...but even they are **lower** callings
- Any man/male who wants to serve God must, by definition, become a preacher
- Serving God is done **only** at church...or nearly so
- Many, many men are called to preach &/ surrender to preach

- Few ever pastor a church
- Fewer go to the mission field & if they do it tends to be a disaster
- They still long to escape the humdrum experiences, & frankly work, to become a preacher
- Lots of discouragement and depression and crazy decisions → to become a preacher / missionary
- Lots of decisions with no actual calling

How is a person called to Pastor?

- Very few of these men mature and serve God where they are