

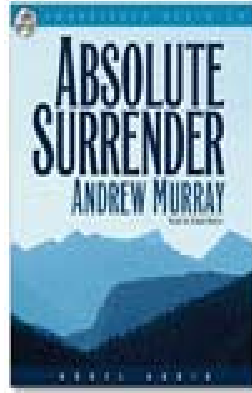
Take and Read

From Our Library

Absolute Surrender.

By Andrew Murray

Murray challenges us with the uncompromising truth that God calls for nothing less than our total surrender to Him, yet also comforts us with the uncompromising truth that we are powerless to do so...that we must allow God, in His grace, to do for us all that He requires. We must become nothing in ourselves so God can be everything, and only by His power can we hope to forget ourselves and come to know Him. The text is easy to read, which makes it all the more impossible to dismiss. Absolute surrender is difficult not because we don't understand what Murray means, but because we do.



About the Author

Andrew Murray (1828-1917) was an amazingly prolific Christian author. He lived and ministered as both a pastor and a writer from the towns and villages of South Africa. All of his publications were originally written in Dutch and then translated into English. Murray has greatly blessed the Christian world with the richness of his spiritual wisdom and his ability to see and answer the needs of God's people.

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Quote of the Month

“The fact that it is God who gives the increase is no reason why we should not plant and water.”
(Augustine)

Calendar of Events

“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, September 2009 but let us encourage one another...” Hebrews 10:25

- Sunday's Church Services — 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
- Tuesday's Women's Meeting — 1st, 15th, 29th
- Wednesday's Bible Study — 2nd, 16th, 23rd, 30th
- Thursday's Prayer Meeting — 3rd, 17th
- Experience Meeting — Wed. 9th



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“...in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us” - Romans 8:37.

The Pastor's Letter

Dear Brethren,

We have a Saviour who is a revolutionary in every way! He did things the other way round, in direct opposition to the conventions of society at large. He loved the unlovely, he cared for the uncared. He welcomed little children, publicans, harlots, sick people and even lepers (who were definitely outcasts). And his compassion towards them was spontaneous and individual.

Since we have publicly declared ourselves to be His followers, can we afford to do otherwise? Speaking for myself, as a pastor I find myself constantly fighting against the peril of loving religious and philosophic ideas, even biblical doctrine, rather than loving saints and sinners. Idealistic love is cheap; practical love is what the Spirit of Christ desires to work in us. It would be to our great loss if we seek to substitute anything else for the reality of Christ's presence in our hearts, which is expressed brilliantly in the way we look at and treat others, whoever they may be. For Paul also reminds us, quite appropriately, that we may be tremendously gifted in knowledge and wisdom and even faith, but if our heart attitude towards others is lean, then it will profit us nothing. If we harbour bitterness or indifference to others, instead of concern and sympathy leading to right action, then we still need to learn the basic principles of the Word.

In this light, how do we regard illegal immigrants and others who may be a “burden” to our society? Do we pray for them or speak out against them? And what is our opinion of coloured people and Arabs? I sense that prejudices still have their grip on our souls. Aren't we conscious that they are people made in God's image, and after His likeness? Is our heart right in this matter? For if not, how can we even consider the possibility of doing good to them when the occasion arises?

Shall we then continue in our admiration of Jesus, and refrain from adopting his ways? We are called to be revolutionaries, just like Him.

May God's grace be with us in this matter.

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1 John 5:14

“This is the boldness which we have toward Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He listens to us.”

Catechism Corner

Question 52 Which is the fifth commandment?

The fifth commandment is, "Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

Question 53 What is required in the fifth commandment?

The fifth commandment requires the preserving the honour, and performing the duties belonging to every one in their various positions and relationships as superiors, (Ephesians 5:21,22; Ephesians 6:1,5; Romans 13:1) inferiors, (Ephesians 6:9) or equals. (Romans 12:10)

Question 54 What is the reason annexed to the fifth commandment?

The reason annexed to the fifth commandment is, a promise of long life and prosperity -- as far as it shall serve for God's glory, and their own good -- to all such as keep this commandment. (Ephesians 6:2,3)

Remember and Learn

REMEMBER the young men's wrong advice given to Jeroboam, (1 Kgs 12:1-18) and Ahithophel's bad counsel to Absalom (2 Sam 16:20-23) **and LEARN** that we must always make sure to select our counselors carefully; choosing wisely whose counsel to accept and whose to reject; whom to trust and whom not to. Therefore; always 'Listen to the man who listens to God!'

"Oh, for the Spirit's quickening power;

*Oh, for a soul-refreshing shower; Oh, for the Pentecostal power;
Lord, send it now."*

Sayings of: Vance Havner. (1901-1986)

- If you see a Bible that is falling apart, it probably belongs to someone who isn't!
- God has no favorites but He does have intimates.
- My concern is not that most of our people are such worldlings that the cause of Christ does not attract them; it is rather that they are such weak Christians that anything else attracts them.
- If you are what you've always been, you are not a Christian. A Christian is a new creation.
- Has He taken over in your heart? Perhaps He **resides** there, but does He **preside**?
- The church has no greater need today than to fall in love with Jesus all over again.
- What we love usually manages to get into our conversation. What is down in the well of the heart will come up in the bucket of speech.



Experimental Christianity

28 Indications That We Need Revival.

Revival is a word commonly used and sometimes abused and misunderstood. Volumes have been published about this wonderful reality. Unfortunately, some people are trying to have the results of revival without the revival – the effects without the cause. They are so desperate for a visitation of God that they produce a synthetic substitute. Yes we NEED revival, but we must have the 'real thing'. We should be more afraid of a false spiritual revival than of no revival at all. Below is a list of 28 things which will show us if we, both as individual Christians and as a church or group, really need a visitation from God.

1. When we do not love Him as we once did.
2. When earthly interests and occupations are more important to us than eternal ones.
3. When we would rather surf the internet and read secular books and magazines than read the Bible and pray.
4. When we have little or no desire for prayer or for anything else spiritual.
5. When we are selfish and would rather make money than give money.
6. When our Christianity is joyless and passionless, lacking life, power, change and growth.
7. When we know truth in our heads that we are not practicing in our lives.
8. When we make little or no effort at all to witness as much as we can to those we meet.
9. When we have time for sports, recreation, and entertainment, but not for Bible study, prayer, and the regular meetings of our congregation.
10. When we do not listen as we should to the word of God and neither 'tremble' nor obey.
11. When we seldom think thoughts of eternity, of Heaven and Hell.
12. When we are more concerned about our jobs and careers than about the Kingdom of Christ
13. When Christian husbands and wives are not praying together.
14. When our children are growing up to adopt worldly values, secular philosophies, and ungodly lifestyles.
15. When we watch things that are sinful.
16. When our prayers lack fervency.
17. When our hearts are hard and our eyes are dry.
18. When our singing is half-hearted and lifeless.
19. When we aren't seeing regular evidence of supernatural power of God.
20. When we are bored with worship.
21. When we're more concerned about what others think about us than what God thinks about us.
22. When we are making little or no difference in the secular world around us.
23. When we are unmoved by the thought and the possibility of our neighbours, business associates, and acquaintances going to hell for eternity.
24. When we have ceased to weep, mourn and grieve in true repentance over our sins.
25. When we aren't daily exercising faith and believing God for the impossible.
26. When the 'fire' has gone out of our hearts and church.
27. When no real love and compassion is shown towards our brothers and sisters in the Lord.
28. When we are blind to the extent of our need and don't think **we** need revival.

Revival will not solve all our problems, and yet as we look at our deadness and our lukewarmness we must admit that we need a trumpet blast to wake us up and get us going - Revival! May you see this need and join us in daily pleading with God: "Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you!" (Isa. 64:1)