

CHILLED TO THE BONE

During the last few weeks, here in South Texas we have experienced very humid, wet and cold weather. When I was a child I use to hear older members of my family speak of being "chilled to the bone." I never did understand just what that meant, but the way they spoke about it made me realize I did not want to experience anything like that. It made me shudder. Now a bit older myself and with this type of weather I think I have experienced what they spoke of. Lately I have experienced a coldness that was not as though I was freezing but a lingering cold that just seemed to penetrate through my whole body and into my very bones. It is a cold that just does not seem to want to go away no matter how high I turned up my thermostat.

I thought about the wet apostle Paul on the beach shivering in the cold as he gathered sticks to make a fire. He must have been "chilled to the bone." I also think of the unusual snow fall and the general coldness this winter has brought to parts of our nation. As I think about these things my mind goes to the spiritual temperature of our nation. We hear a lot about revival fires burning here and there and the great coming end time revival. I rejoice to hear such things but as I look at our nation over all I see a coldness, a "chilled to the bone" type of spiritual climate. I see a nation that for the most part seems to have lost her spiritual anchor and her compass. A nation that is adrift in a very cold storm of confusion and indifference toward God. I see a people that are spiritually "chilled to the bone" and are in some cases about to fall asleep. Many are already asleep with indifference and coldness toward God and His word. Others are shivering in the cold, trying to find a few sticks to make a fire and generate some warmth.

We need a real revival in our land, a mighty out pouring of the Spirit of God that will generate a burning fire of love and devotion toward God. We need a revival that will stir us up, shake us up and wake us up as to what is going on in our nation and what we must do about it before it is too late. Prayer is the only thing that will save this nation and turn our spiritual climate around. May all God's children wake up! Let us stop playing church, and Sunday school, and PRAY. Let us forget about seeking more religious knowledge and PRAY. God says that it is His People, the church, we believers that can turn this around, "if **My people** who are **called by My name** will **humble themselves, and pray** and **seek My face**, and **turn from their wicked ways**, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." SO LET US PRAY with all our hearts and souls.