

## **CHURCH DECLINE**

**The whole testimony of the worshiping, seeking, singing Church has been set aside. The experiential heart theology of a grand army of fragrant saints is rejected in favor of a smug interpretation of Scripture which would certainly have sounded strange to Augustine, Rutherford or Brainerd. I encourage this mighty longing after God. The lack of it has brought us to our present low state. The stiff and wooden quality of our religious lives is a result of a lack of holy desire. Complacency is a deadly enemy of all spiritual growth. Acute desire must be present, or there will be no manifestation of Christ to his people. He waits to be wanted. Too bad that with many of us He waits so long, so very long, in vain. AWT**