

REVIVAL

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 1:8

Let's talk about Revival. Who is the actor in the Book of Acts?

Eight Things About Revival:

1. Revival is a special time of blessing when God pours out His Spirit in special abundance.
2. God gives Revival to a hungry-hearted and devoted Christian.
3. Revival days are the greatest days of the church.
4. Revival days are the most exciting days in the lives of believers.
5. Revival days are the most awesome days among sinners and the ungodly. (Sinner man in Cuba)
6. In Revival, God manifests His presence and power in overwhelming reality.
7. In Revival, God accomplishes more in hours, or days than accomplished in years of faithful, but non-revival decades.
8. Unanswered prayers of many years are gloriously answered in times of Revival—when the Holy Spirit moves in unprecedented holy power. (More visible results on the day of Pentecost than in three years of Jesus' ministry.)

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Acts 10:38

And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.

Isaiah 10:27

What we call the "Acts of the Apostles" are really the "Acts of the Holy Spirit" in a commissioned band of disciples.

We can see in Acts, the story of revived men and women who took that Commission seriously, and they spread the Gospel of the Risen Savior to the then known world.

Before the coming of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, the disciples, after Jesus' resurrection were hiding behind closed doors for fear of the Jews, with a constant feeling that there was but a step between them and a violent death.

If they were not hiding, they were off fishing.

Let's look at John 20:19, 26; 21:1-3.

Later, something happened to the disciples. Let's look at TEN things that happened to the frightened disciples.

1. They were united
2. They were all in one place with one accord, they were all of one mind.
3. There was no division among them.
4. They believed the same thing.
5. They loved the same person.
6. They had the same joy (mingled with some fear).
7. They translated their fear into prayer.
8. They continued in prayer and supplication.
9. They encouraged themselves. (1 Samuel 30:6)
10. They sorrowfully replaced the departed apostle now turned apostate.

Let's consider **EIGHT THINGS** about a movement of the Holy Spirit.

1. This movement shook the Roman empire.
2. This movement emptied the heathen temples.
3. This movement stopped gladiatorial combats.
4. This movement raised women to their true position of dignity and worth.
5. This movement checked infanticide (killing of children).
6. This movement created a new standard of morality.
7. This movement confounded the Greek and Roman philosophers.
8. This movement turned the world upside down.

[1] Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews:

[2] And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,

[3] Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ.

[4] And some of them believed, and consorted with Paul and Silas; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few.

[5] But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people.

[6] And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;

Acts 17:1-6

<p><i>QUESTION:</i> Does not our generation need a revival? <i>ANSWER:</i> Yes!</p>
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Let it begin in us.

Isaiah 44:1-4; Matthew 5:6