

What is True Revival?

Psalm 85:6 Will You not revive us again, That Your people may rejoice in You?

Definition of Revival:

Revival is a supernatural revelation of God's awesome glory, irresistible power and perfect holiness that revives, or restores life, and brings hope and faith back into the hearts of God's people.

Ezekiel 43:5 The Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the glory of the Lord filled the temple.

Revival moves God's people out of the realm of the natural into the realm of the supernatural. Revival comes into the spirit of God's people as they are overwhelmed with the awesome glory of the manifested presence of God.

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

1 Samuel 10:6 "Then the Spirit of the Lord will come upon you, and you will prophesy with them and be turned into another man.

The irresistible power of God is evidenced in true revival by the life-transforming, supernatural manifestations that occur in the bodies of God's children as they encounter the irresistible power of God's presence.

Revelation 1:17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.

John 18:6 Then – when He said to them, "I am He," – they drew back and fell to the ground.

Mark 5:29 Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction.

Job 8:21 He will yet fill your mouth with laughing, and your lips with rejoicing.

Ephesians 5:18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,

Acts 2:13-16 Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine." But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. "For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.

"But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

As God reveals Himself to mankind in revival, an overwhelming awareness of the absolute holiness of God brings true repentance into the hearts of saints and sinners alike. This repentance is followed by an awareness of God's unconditional love that brings an overwhelming fullness of joy into the hearts of believers as they become saturated in the glory of His presence.

Holiness:

Psalm 99:5 Exalt the Lord our God, And worship at His footstool; For He is holy.

Isaiah 6:3 And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!"

Acts 7:33 "Then the Lord said to him, "Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.

Repentance:

Acts 3:19 "Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,

Love:

1 John 4:16 And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

Joy:

Psalm 16:11 You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

True revival always results in a great harvest of souls into the Kingdom of God as multitudes are irresistibly and supernaturally drawn by the Spirit of God into the reality of God's awesome presence.

Luke 10:2 Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

Acts 2:41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

Acts 4:4 However, many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

Acts 19:10 And this continued for two years, so that all who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

Isaiah 60:1-3 Arise, shine; For your light has come! and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.

For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you.

The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Revival begins with a fresh revelation of the reality of God. It comes in response to the hunger and thirst of God's people who will bring forth revival by prolonged, self-denying, earnest and effective prayer.

Deuteronomy 29:29 "The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

Matthew 16:17 Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Acts 1:13,14 And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James.

These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

Acts 2:1-4 Now when the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.