



...Revive Thy work in the midst of  
the years,... Hab. 3:2







# What is revival

- It is simply the renewal of Pentecost.
- We don't need a new Pentecost, the first one is still in effect.
- We need to live like those who had seen the Risen Christ, longed for heaven, were not afraid, preached Christ wherever they went and were full of the Spirit's power.



A revival is a supernatural, sovereign act of the Holy Spirit, in which believers are convicted of their sin, emboldened to speak of the Lord

- God may or may not send revival according to His glorious plan.
- It is the work of the Holy Spirit and cannot be humanly manufactured or manipulated.
- It is first a working in the hearts of believers before it is a working in the hearts of the lost.

# Pathways to revival



- Remembering God's previous acts
- Praying that God would send revival
- Repenting of callousness, hard hearts and sin,
- Humility, in seeing your true position before God
- Power to live holy lives and walk before God
- Joy in your heart for the wonder of God's presence.



O LORD, I have heard your speech  
and was afraid; O LORD, revive  
Your work in the midst of the years!  
In the midst of the years make it  
known; In wrath remember mercy.

Habakkuk 3:2



For thus says the High and Lofty One  
Who inhabits eternity, whose name is  
Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy  
place, With him who has a contrite and  
humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the  
humble, And to revive the heart of the  
contrite ones.

Isaiah 57:15



- Will You not revive us again, That Your people may rejoice in You? Psalm 85:6
- My soul clings to the dust; Revive me according to Your word. Psalm 119:25
- Plead my cause and redeem me; Revive me according to Your word. Psalm 119:154
- Great are Your tender mercies, O LORD; Revive me according to Your judgments. Psalm 119:156





# Revivals come in many forms

- Gregory, 257 - 330: reached all of Armenia
- Frumentius, 316: converted Ethiopia from paganism to Christianity
- Patrick, 390 – 461: in Ireland
- Columba, 521 -597: to the Scottish
- Methodius, and brother Cyril, 825: to the Moravians, & Slavs
- *Pre-Reformers*: Savonarola, Wycliffe, Huss
- *Reformers*: Luther, Calvin, Knox,
- *Radical Reformers* - the Anabaptists: Conrad Grebel (refused to baptize infant daughter Rachael, 1525), Balthazar Hubmaier, George Blaurock, Felix Manz (first martyr), Michal Sattler



- William Tennent, Charles Wesley, George Whitefield, Jonathan Edwards, C.H. Spurgeon, Charles Finney, D.L. Moody, Evan Roberts, Billy Graham



# Major Revivals to Study

- Pentecost, the Beginning of Revival, A.D. 30
- The First Great Awakening, 1727
- The Second Great Awakening, 1780
- The General Awakening, 1830
- The Laymen's Prayer Revival, 1857
- The Welsh Revival, 1904
- The World War II Revival, 1935
- The Baby Boomer Revival, 1965
- The Pre-Reformation Revival, 1300
- The Protestant Reformation, 1517

# Evan Roberts



- Put away any known sin
- Cease engaging in any doubtful activity
- Commit to being immediately obedient to the Holy Spirit's leading
- Confess Jesus Christ openly



- In the next 2 years over 5 Million conversions were recorded



# Precursors to Revival

- Prisoner of War Revival (The Boer War 1899)
- Japan, 1900
- Australia and New Zealand, 1901
- South Africa, 1901
- The British Isles and W. Europe, 1903 – 1906
- Wales, 1904

# The Aftermath



- **North America 1905**
  - The Midwest
    - In Philadelphia, Methodists reported 6,101 new believers
    - NY 300+ added to membership and 200+ in 1 week
    - One church in KY added 1000 members in 2 months
  - West
    - Meetings attracted 180,000
    - In Los Angeles, the Grand Opera House was filled, many were saved
    - Portland, OR business shut down from 11 – 2 for prayer



- Canada, thousands were gathering each night for prayer
- India and the Far East
  - In nearly all provinces, the number believers grew by 70%
  - Christian population grew 16 times faster than Hinduism
  - Several churches reported over 1000 baptisms
- Korea 1907
  - The church quadrupled
  - There were 250,000 believers at the end of the decade
  - They held all night prayer meetings and 5AM prayer meetings, some of which are still meeting today.





- The Azusa Street or “Pentecostal” Revival, 1907
  - A small church that began to experience growth and exhibit charismatic manifestations
  - They quickly grew out of a small building and moved into a Methodist church
  - Attracted world wide fame
  - Was the start of the modern tongues movement



# Societal impact

- Crime stopped
- The poor and needy were helped
- Hospitals and social services were opened
- Bars and taverns were closed

# J Wilber Smith



## 9 characteristics of Revival:

- A time of deep spiritual decline
- A stirring of a leader to call God's people to remember God's work of revival
- A clear return to the Word of God. It must become central. All revivals have a return at the root.
- A return to genuine worship.
  - (Genuine is not the same as sincere)



"take heed to yourself that you are not ensnared to follow them, after they are destroyed from before you, and that you do not inquire after their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods? I also will do likewise.' Deut. 12:30

*A Christian should be in the world in the same way a ship should be in the ocean*



- The destruction of every idol.
- A deep sense of sin and an over powering desire to separate from it.
- A renewed interest in the blood atonement.
- A new sense of unbounded joy.
- A following time of unique productivity and success