

## ***Revival***

*“Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation” (Psalm 85:6-7).*

During 1904 and 1905 the Spirit of the Lord moved greatly throughout Wales. What is known in history as the Great Welsh Revival, this movement of God touched all classes and ages of people. Local newspapers at the time reported that churches ballooned with new converts and members. In just six months over 100,000 people came under the conviction of the Holy Spirit and gave their lives to Jesus.

True revival is seen spiritually but its lasting effects are noticed physically... As was the case in Wales, police reported that arrests for drunkenness decreased from 11,282 in 1904 to 5,615 in 1907. Bibles were sold out in bookstores because of the ongoing demand... Marriages were made and kept... It was even said that profanity had disappeared in the coal mines to the extent that the “pit ponies” dragging the coal carts in the tunnels didn’t understand their commands anymore...

Pastor and author John Piper defines revival in this way: “Revival is the sovereign work of God to awaken his people with fresh intensity to the truth and glory of God, the ugliness of sin, the horror of hell, the preciousness of Christ’s atoning work, the wonder of salvation by grace through faith, the urgency of holiness and witness, and the sweetness of worship with God’s people.” And yes, we need revival in our land today just like they experienced in Wales and just like they did at Pentecost in the upper room. We need the Spirit of God to blow on us and open our eyes to the glory of Christ and what it truly means to be one of His own...

And so, pray for revival Church! Pray for revival to break out in your city, county, and country. And even more so pray for revival to take place in your heart! Ask God to awaken you to a fresh intensity of the glory of God. Ask him to show you the ugliness of your sinful actions and thoughts. Ask him to show you the horrific horrors of hell... Cry out to Him for a clearer picture of the preciousness of Christ and His atoning work on the cross. Plead with Him to give you a deeper wonder of what it means to be saved by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8). Petition the Lord to reveal His holiness and seek the Spirit’s help in being faithful to the great commission. And pray that the worship of Christ and fellowship of His people will be a million times sweeter to your soul than the pleasures of this world...

May your prayer be today and every day: “Revive us again, O LORD! Revive my soul for your honor and glory!”

Respect the Blood,  
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