



From the Pastor's Study

We are living in the last days. I say that not because of the ever increasing evil, corruption and immorality we see all around us, but because the Bible teaches it. The "last times" refers to the time between Jesus' First Advent and His Second Advent. As we see the effects of the widespread rejection of Biblical truth, the rewriting of morality (where wrong is championed as right), and the increasing intolerance for those who hold to Biblical truth, I am comforted knowing that first century Christians faced the same thing. *"In the last days difficult times will come. For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God..."* (II Tim. 3:1-4) Against such an onslaught of ungodliness, the Apostle Paul urged Timothy to continue in what he had learned since he was a child: "the holy writings." (II Tim. 3:15) The only hope for us and our society is the Spirit-empowered, life-changing proclamation of the scriptures. (II Tim. 3:14-17) I recently was challenged in a book on preaching to ask the question, "Does our church pray together for the preaching?" (Saving Eutyclus, p. 22) In view of my own weaknesses and the huge challenges we are facing in these last days, would you join with someone else in our church and pray regularly for the proclamation of God's word? God has moved powerfully in the past to bring about revival through the preaching of his word. Will you join me and earnestly seek God for revival?

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When Do We Need Revival?

Evidences of the Need for a Fresh Visitation of the Spirit in Revival -
By Nancy Leigh DeMoss

"Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth. Stir up your might and come to save us. Turn again, O God of hosts: Look down from heaven, and see; Have regard for this vine. Restore us, O LORD God of hosts! Let your face shine, that we may be saved."

From Psalm 80
We Need Revival . . .

- when we do not love Him as we once did.
- when earthly interests and occupations are more important to us than eternal ones
- when we would rather watch TV and read secular books and [do Facebook] than read the Bible and pray.
- when church dinners are better attended than prayer meetings.
- when we have little or no desire for prayer.
- when we would rather make money than give money.
- when we put people into leadership positions in our churches who do not meet scriptural qualifications.
- when our Christianity is joyless and passionless.
- when we know truth in our heads that we are not practicing in our lives.
- when we make little effort to witness to the lost.
- when we have time for sports, recreation, and entertainment, but not for Bible study and prayer.
- when we do not tremble at the Word of God.
- when preaching lacks conviction, confrontation, and divine fire and anointing.
- when we seldom think thoughts of eternity.
- when God's people are more concerned about their jobs and their careers than about the Kingdom of Christ and the salvation of the lost.
- when God's people get together with other believers and the conversation is primarily about the news, weather, and sports, rather than the Lord.
- when church services are predictable and "business as usual"
- when believers can be at odds with each other and not feel compelled to pursue reconciliation.
- when Christian husbands and wives are not praying together.
- when our marriages are co-existing rather than full of the love of Christ.
- when our children are growing up to adopt worldly values, secular philosophies, and ungodly lifestyles.
- when we are more concerned about our children's education and their athletic activities than about the condition of their souls.
- when sin in the church is pushed under the carpet.
- when known sin is not dealt with through the biblical process of discipline and restoration.
- when we tolerate "little" sins of gossip, a critical spirit, and lack of love.
- when we will watch things on television and movies that are not holy.
- when our singing is half-hearted and our worship lifeless.
- when our prayers are empty words designed to impress others.

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WILL YOU NOT REVIVE US AGAIN, THAT YOUR PEOPLE MAY REJOICE IN YOU PSALM 85:6

Portrait of a Revived Community: 100th Anniversary of the Welsh Revival

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[Editor's Note: Revival has the power not only to transform individuals, but whole societies as well. The Welsh Revival of 1904-1905 spilled out of the churches and deeply altered the moral climate of the entire nation.]

The Welsh Revival of 1904-1905 saw thousands of people commit their lives to Jesus Christ. Evan Roberts, the most public of the many revivalists involved, felt that God had indicated to him that 100,000 souls would be brought into the kingdom, a number subsequently confirmed by statistics published by the media.

How did such a large number of professed converts alter the social and moral climate of Wales? And how much of the change remained after the excitement had died down?

The Social Impact of the Revival

Alcohol Consumption. One change that was noticed by many was the decrease in alcohol consumption. Headlines similar to the *Llanelli Mercury* were to be read throughout the Principality: "Flame Still Burning at Loughor: Churches Full, Public Houses Empty." Sir Marchant Williams, a magistrate for several counties, noted that "the revival has been far more effective at checking drunkenness in the district than either fines or imprisonment."

W. T. Stead, a journalist, also noted the difference in atmosphere: "There is less drinking, less idleness, less gambling," while owners of public houses in the Amman Valley complained that their business had been reduced by one-third or more. These targeted meetings did not always go down too well with drinkers, yet for those who responded, drink became a thing of the past and money was spent instead on children and family.

Honesty. There was also a positive revival of honesty as converts sought to deal with "doubtful things" in their lives. One medical doctor spoke of the noticeable effects: "Well, the revival is doing me good, anyway." "In what way?" asked my informant. "Do you mean you have more patients?" "Not at all," was the reply, "but a considerable amount of money owed to me that I had written off my books as hopelessly bad debts has been paid to me since the revival began."

Some noted that businesses were helped by workers whose quality of work had improved, and whose relations with management and colleagues were conducted in more amiable ways. There is a story of a miner in North Wales who became desperately worried that he might lose his job looking after the pit ponies underground because, due to the revival, he had little work to do because the miners were now kinder and more attentive to their animals' needs! For a time, the "converted" language of the miners was not understood by the animals used to cruder words and treatment. This often led to work stoppage as the animals learned to understand the new language.

Sport and Culture. The reality of new spiritual life and experience also had an immediate effect on the surrounding culture. Many football and rugby matches had to be cancelled due to the fact that the team had been converted. Under the heading, "Revival Stops Football," the *Llanelli Mercury* stated that "the game between Dafen and Panyffynon is reported to have been cancelled and that all the players had been brought into the revival movement and have given up football." A well-known football player explained, "I have been keeping goal for the devil up to now, but after this, I hope to play center-forward for the Savior."

Theater attendance also suffered. At Llanelli, the theater that had once been the chief attraction in town was deserted. And popular lectures of all sorts were abandoned for prayer and praise as people began to discover new depths in their spiritual experience.

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"It wasn't that Jesus simply stepped up and said, 'I'll do this for you.' It is that Jesus became the very embodiment of all that sin is."

Pastor Allister Begg, Parkside Baptist Church, Ohio

"The whole value of the meditation of the suffering of Christ lies in this, that man should come to the knowledge of himself and sink and tremble."

Martin Luther, 16th Century Reformer

"We live and die; Christ died and lived!"

John Stott, Theologian, Pastor and Christian Author



Poll: Have a hand in naming our new newsletter.

We'd love to see the congregation to embrace the newsletter. To aide in that we are inviting you to tell us what you think we should name it! We know there are some great ideas out there so please send in your submission to the church office at office@newvillagechurch.net.

Please limit your name suggestions to three words.

When Do We Need Revival? (...Continued from page 1.)

- when our prayers lack fervency.
- when our hearts are cold and our eyes are dry.
- when we aren't seeing regular evidence of the supernatural power of God.
- when we have ceased to weep and mourn and grieve over our own sin and the sin of others.
- when we are content to live with explainable, ordinary Christianity and church services.
- when we are bored with worship.
- when people have to be entertained to be drawn to church.
- when our music and dress become patterned after the world.
- when we start fitting into and adapting to the world, rather than calling the world to adapt to God's standards of holiness.
- when we don't long for the company and fellowship of God's people.
- when people have to be begged to give and to serve in the church.
- when our giving is measured and calculated, rather than extravagant and sacrificial. . . . when we aren't seeing lost people drawn to Jesus on a regular basis.
- when we aren't exercising faith and believing God for the impossible.
- when we are more concerned about what others think about us than what God thinks about us.
- when we are unmoved by the fact that 3.5 billion people in this world have never heard the name of Jesus.
- when we are unmoved by the thought of neighbors, business associates, and acquaintances who are lost and without Christ.
- when we are making little or no difference in the secular world around us.
- when the fire has gone out in our hearts, our marriages, and the church.
- when we are blind to the extent of our need and don't think we need revival.

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Changed Citizens. Even when the numbers of people who backslid are taken into consideration, the revival gave birth to thousands of better people who made up the society of the time—people who continued to be changed citizens for the rest of their lives. These renewed citizens with a puritanical honesty, a positive work ethos, and a personal life free from the addictions of the time remained the spiritual stalwarts of the churches and religious organizations. For them, the revival of 1904-1905 was ongoing. The passionate “honeymoon” of the revival led to a stable marriage for life!

On asking a convert about the revival some seventy years later, she replied, “The fire is still burning in my heart.” The glow of her face and the warmth of her words convinced me that it really was.

<https://www.lifeaction.org/revival-resources/revive/seeking-him/portrait-revived-community-100th-anniversary-welsh/>

The Welsh Revival (1904–1905) was the largest Christian revival in Wales during the 20th century. While by no means the best known of revivals, it was one of the most dramatic in terms of its effect on the population, and it had repercussions that reached far beyond the Welsh border, triggering a series of revivals in other countries. “The movement kept the churches of Wales filled for many years to come, seats being placed in the aisles in Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Swansea for twenty years or so, for example. Meanwhile, the Awakening swept the rest of Britain, Scandinavia, parts of Europe, North America, the mission fields of India and the Orient, Africa and Latin America



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1904-1905_Welsh_Revival
<http://lgn1335760512.site-fusion.co.uk/1904-welsh-revival>

“Revival is a sovereign work of God’s Spirit that produces an unusual awakening of spiritual life among God’s people, resulting in an awesome awareness of God, a sincere repentance for sin, a deep longing for God and holiness, and an effective passion to reach the unsaved.”

Brian Edwards

“Revival is God bending down to the dying embers of a fire just about to go out and breathing into it until it bursts into flame.”

Christmas Evans

“History is silent about revivals that did not begin with prayer.”

J. Edwin Orr

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Will you join me and earnestly seek God for revival? In these last days, I readily admit I need the Holy Spirit to breathe His passion for holiness and zeal for God’s kingdom in my heart. Let’s pray that God’s word will have power to change us and those around us.

Pastor Mark

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Pioneer Girls	2 Women's Bible Study	3 Fusion (Grades 6-8) Youth Group Ignite (grades 9-12) Youth Group	4
5 Worship Service	6	7	8 Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Pioneer Girls	9 Women's Bible Study	10 Fusion (Grades 6-8) Youth Group Ignite (grades 9-12) Youth Group	11
12 Worship Service	13	14	15 Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Pioneer Girls	16 Women's Bible Study	17 Fusion (Grades 6-8) Youth Group Ignite (grades 9-12) Youth Group	18
19 Worship Service	20	21	22 Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Pioneer Girls	23 Women's Bible Study	24 Fusion (Grades 6-8) Youth Group Ignite (grades 9-12) Youth Group	25
26 Worship Service	27	28	29 Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Pioneer Girls	30 Women's Bible Study	31 Fusion (Grades 6-8) Youth Group Ignite (grades 9-12) Youth Group	