

## Studies on Revival

# The Results of Revival

*“Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.” – Matthew 7:20*

*“Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.” – John 15:16*

### I. God is glorified

- Not the people, the church, the preacher, the method – but God only - Psalm 115:1
- Just as revival in the present points praise to Christ, the memory and impact of revival should do the same.

### II. Fire is spread

- Revival is usually not an isolated incident: it is a spark that spreads its flames abroad – Acts 11:19-24
- We are still encouraged and stirred by the reports of revivals past. Revival in one place or time can spark a new revival in other believers.

### III. Community is impacted

- As Christians are stirred their impact is felt even the secular world around them. – Acts 19:23-27
- An example we've cited often: “The horses are terribly puzzled. A manager said to me, ‘The haulers are some of the very lowest. They have driven their horses by obscenity and kicks. Now they can hardly persuade the horses to start working, because there is no obscenity and no kicks.’” – *The Story of the Welsh Revival* by Arthur Goodrich

### IV. Opposition is roused

- No work of God is without opposition. The Scriptures are full of examples: such as Sanballat and Tobiah vs. Nehemiah, Pharisees vs. Christ, and the Judaizers vs. Paul.
- There can be opposition within the church, from doubters and skeptics, and from other Christians.

### V. Work and results are increased

- The people are encouraged, empowers, and focused on the tasks of reaching the lost and spreading the revival fires to other believers.

“There is need of a great revival of spiritual life, of truly fervent devotion to our Lord Jesus, of entire consecration to His service. It is only in a church in which this spirit of revival has at least begun, that there is any hope of radical change in the relation of the majority of our Christian people to mission work.” – Andrew Murray

“Whether it be in the personal life, or in the church life, or on the mission field, we need revival—we need revival urgently—we need revival desperately!” – Stephen Olford