

BEYOND “Revival Renewal Outpouring”

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Truly revival, whatever you choose to call it, is one of my very favorite things in this world. Barbara and I were greatly blessed in the late 90s and early 2000s to be a part of the Smithton Outpouring, one of many places around the world where God supernaturally poured out His Spirit impacting multitudes across the world. Truly our lives were dramatically changed in that season of a mighty move of God. We really thought that nothing could ever be any better or more fulfilling than God meeting with us in such miraculous ways.

Every day it seems more and more believers are awakening to a fresh work of God that is beyond the awesome reality of the exciting life we experienced in those past moves. Some of the same results of the past moves will continue in this fresh moving of God. Yet there are some significant differences that far exceed the past.

There have been many major waves or moves of God in history, especially in recent history. Each of these moves brought increased restoration of God and His heavenly kingdom coming forth into the hearts and lives of His willing and spiritually hungry people. They were like powerful waves on the ocean. Each wave imparted its part of restoration and change and then flowed back out to sea leaving the people more prepared to receive the next part. Between the waves there was a space of relatively dormant time.

Why did the moves of God stop, and why was there a dormant season? Why could there not be a continuous flow of the moving of God progressively taking the people of God further into the fullness of restoration?

Personally, I do not believe that it was ordained of God for moves of revival, renewal, and outpouring to come to an end. Much like the children of Israel began the miraculous move from bondage in Egypt to the Promised Land. They could have entered directly into the land. God's best was for them to possess the land at that time, but their lack of faith and trust caused the move to turn away and wonder in the wilderness until a new generation was mature and ready. Then the next move began, or more accurately the continuation of the first move was completed.

Evidence is clear that the revival moves of God in recent history ended because of man not because of God. The tendency of man is to take charge and bring his control and structure to what God is doing. When that happens, the Holy Spirit who brought the move pulls away and the move of God ends until the next generation of people are hungry enough to make room for the Holy Spirit to bring the next part of the continuous moving of God.

After the Holy Spirit has pulled away, people often try to keep things going with their own strength using their own natural ingenuity. They devise programs and systems that become powerless religion that can be easily invaded by worldliness and spirits of darkness posing as angels of light. The religious work without the Holy Spirit can become as a stagnant pool in a dried up river.

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The moving of God that is now invading God's people contains the missing ingredient that allowed or caused all past moves of God to come to an end. The cure for the thing that prevented them from moving seamlessly into the next part of revelation and impartation from heaven is now being sovereignly poured into God's willing hungry people.

If you have been following the [OpenHeaven.com Digest articles](#) over the past six months you know that the missing ingredient that is now invading us is the pure holy all-consuming LOVE of God at a level we have not known before. The fire of God's love is purifying our hearts from

within by the Spirit of God. All that is in us that causes us to feel the need to control or structure things according to our satisfaction is being consumed in our becoming so in love with God that our lives are no longer our own. We literally are becoming one Spirit with God as His Holy Spirit imparts the life of Christ into us until we become one.

The move of God now coming forth is an invasion of the Holy Ghost imparting the all-consuming LOVE of God at a level we have not experienced in the past. The fire of this absolutely pure love completely purifies our hearts and lives.

It is truly Christ abiding in us – the end of all self-seeking and self-thinking.

We are truly consumed in love with God – so consumed in love with God that we finally completely love one another.

There is no battle with sin and self. We are truly crucified in Christ. It is His life and His faith that lives in us.

This move is internal. It is within and is a sovereign work of God alone by His Holy Spirit. It cannot be worked up; it simply is all there is.

It cannot be counterfeited or contaminated. Simply it will not become a mixture. Nothing can enter that defiles.

This is our truly becoming God's people and He becoming our God with us.

It is our becoming, by His pure holy love, completely cleansed to truly be one with God and one with every person who is truly in Him.

The pure love that consumes us is the ingredient that has been missing in all the past revivals that brought the gifts and miraculous works of God.

There is no end of God's love; it does not fail or fade away. It is fresh every morning. Therefore there is no end to this moving of God.

This moving of God is coming under the cover of darkness unseen by the fallen world and in the midst of cleansing judgment falling upon all in this world that lifts itself against God.

There is no fear of the darkness in this place of total love of God. Though thousands are destroyed around us, it will not touch us in His perfect love. Whether we live long or short lives in this earthly body is not the most important thing. Death has no sting for us and cannot touch the pure holy love of God's life in us.

This is the season of the reality of "God with us" in pure holy love – the tabernacle of God with His people.

This moving of God does not depend on organizations devised by men. It is within our hearts and rests solely in God. It is not dependent upon meetings or good preaching or corporate prayer or great music. Its only dependency is the fire of God's love consuming our hearts and lives.

How do I get there?

Probably the best way to consider that heartfelt desire of hunger is to first recognize that we do not do it – God does it, or it is not done.

However, we can possibly get ourselves into a position to receive what God is doing now. We probably all have a sense that our life as it has been will not survive the experience of becoming one with God by His invasion of pure holy love. It seems obvious that many things regarding our desires, thoughts, and priorities will endure significant change or perhaps transformation is a better word. The serious matter is that probably we cannot make ourselves really change or be transformed.

I am not sure any of us have the full answer. However, we know there are promises of God that if we seek Him with our WHOLE hearts. We are told to ask, seek, and knock. It matters who we

ask and whom or what we seek and where we choose to knock. If we seek from religion or even our church or from anyone or anything other than God, we will be disappointed. A term that has been repeated by some is to become “a laid down lover of God.” There may be some things involved in getting into position to receive. He did say you have not because you ask not.

That’s all good, but how can this really happen for me?

How will God invade me with His Spirit? How will Christ actually be formed in me so that I truly experience His life and love? Probably only God knows the answers that are specific for each individual.

However, by experience we can know and share some things. Most likely very serious and devastating situations and circumstance will be involved. Emotional pain and extreme loss of people and things that we valued brings severe even deadly pain within as it leads us to the death of our past self-life. God will never move in until there is a sufficient space of emptiness available within us.

The intense pain within us is a major step in becoming a new creation of Christ in us. Some will choose to fight and resent the pain. These will become bitter and move toward separation from God. However, those who are in a seeking mindset when the pain comes will choose to forgive everyone involved including God, and instantly the consuming pure love of God in Christ by the Holy Spirit will flood into their hearts and lives.

This may happen over a period of time and move progressively as we ask and seek and keep on asking and seeking, and then when the door appears knock and the love of God will pour into us. There may be touches of God as many have experienced in the past revivals that make us aware of His goodness and the joy of being with Him in His presence. These experiences are preparation for the time of the invasion of love that God sovereignly pours into us as we become truly willing to die in His arms forever in the greatest love story ever told.

The darkness of severe tribulation upon the earth provides the pain and loss to accelerate the process of death to our past self-lives making room for the Holy Spirit of God to replace our past life with the true life of Christ. His holy love becomes who we are and what we do in this life and in the life to come. Truly God’s invasion of pure holy love is the greatest love story of all time and creation. God is love.

If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit – Galatians 5:25.

Live in the Spirit, Walk in the Spirit,

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