

I. REVIVAL IN HERNHUTT

- A. In 1727, a small church in Herrnhut, Germany experienced a powerful move of the Holy Spirit. During a communion service, the believers were deeply convicted, reconciled with one another, and filled with a new love for God and each other.
- B. The church began a 24-hour prayer meeting that continued for over 100 years and started sending missionaries around the world. From a community of only about 300 people, the Moravians launched one of the most influential missionary movements in church history known as the moravain movement.
- C. This revival is a beautiful example of the role of the Holy Spirit in a local church, marking it with prayer, conviction, unity, and baptizing it with love unto impacting the world.

II. CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND OF EPHESIAN 2:19-22

- A. The Epistle to the Ephesians focuses on God's eternal plan in Christ, the identity and mission of the church, and how the church grows spiritually.
- B. In the context of our passage, the Apostle Paul explains the transformation that takes place through the saving work of Jesus Christ, highlighting three primary truths.
 - 1. **Salvation by grace alone** (Ephesians 2:1–10) sinners are made alive by grace through faith alone as a gift from God.
 - 2. **Reconciliation of Jews and Gentiles** (Ephesians 2:11–18) Christ removes the dividing wall of enmity between the nations (racism) **and creates one new unified humanity.**
 - 3. **The establishment of a spiritual temple,** not made of stone, but of redeemed people, who together form the church where God's manifest Presence dwells in the midst through His Holy Spirit.

III. READ EPHESIANS 2:19-22

- 1. ***19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, 21 in***

whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, 22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

IV. FIVE FUNCTIONS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE CHURCH

1. (vrs 19) HE BRING US INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD

(1) 19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God

b) He finds, convicts, draws, opens our eyes, regenerates us, gives us faith, and places us into an eternal holy family.

(1) For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit-1 Cor 12:13

2. (vrs 20) HE BUILDS US UP INTO A HOUSE WHERE JESUS IS CENTRAL

(1) 20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,

3. (vrs 21) HE FITS US TOGETHER AS LIVING STONES

(1) 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together

b) The Holy Spirit takes all our backgrounds, stories, personalities, gifts, talents, and unifies us as one family.

4. (vrs 21) HE GROWS (MATURES) US INTO A HOLY TEMPLE FOR GOD

(1) grows into a holy temple in the Lord,

5. (vrs 22) HE BRINGS GOD'S HABITATION INTO THE HUMAN TEMPLE

(1) 22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

(2) Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?-1 Cor 3:16

V. ADDITIONAL ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE CHURCH

1. BRINGS GLORY TO JESUS

- a) The local church exists to bring glory to Jesus in every city. We do this primarily by our corporate response to His worth, beauty, splendor, word, and power through extravagant worship and good works.

(1) we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God -Acts 2:11

(2) 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.-Mt 5:16

2. REVEALS THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

- a) **may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,-Eph 1:17**
- b) **For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God-1 Cor 2:10**

3. EMPOWERS THE CHURCH TO BE A CORPORATE WITNESS

- a) **8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.-Acts 1:8**

4. PURIFIES AND PURGES THE CHURCH

- a) **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.-Lk 3:16**
- b) **25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not**

having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. -Eph 5:25-26

5. ESTABLISHES CHURCH DOCTRINE AND BELIEFS

- a) ***For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things. – Acts 15:28***

6. APPOINTS AND CALLS CHURCH LEADERSHIP

- a) ***Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He obtained with His own blood.-Acts 20:28***

7. SENDS OUT MESSENGERS OF THE GOSPEL

- a) ***The Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.-Acts 13:2***

8. SPEAKS TO THE CHURCH TO GUIDE HER

- a) ***"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."-Rev 2:7***

(1) Through the word, dreams, vision, and prophesy

9. WARNS THE CHURCH OF DECEPTION

- a) ***"Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith-1Tim 4:1***

10. GIVES GIFTS TO THE CHURCH TO EQUIP AND SERVE

- a) ***11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.-1Cor 12:11***

11. UNIFIES THE CHURCH

- a) ***Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called.-Eph 4:3-4***

12. BRINGS FREEDOM TO TRANSFORM THE CHURCH

- a) ***17 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.-2Cor 3:17-18***

VI. THE HOLY SPIRIT REVIVES THE CHURCH

- A. Throughout church history, the Holy Spirit has been faithful to revive the church by awakening believers to repentance, prayer, and renewed devotion to Christ.
- B. These moments show that when the Holy Spirit moves on the Body of Christ, the church is renewed in holiness, unity, and power, and the gospel spreads with fresh impact to communities and nations.

VII. EXAMPLES

A. The Welsh Revival (1904–1905)

- 1. In Wales, a young preacher named Evan Roberts began praying for revival. The Holy Spirit began moving in churches and prayer meetings: Over 100,000 people were converted in about one year. Churches were filled nightly with prayer and worship. Crime rates dropped dramatically. Taverns closed because people stopped drinking.

B. AZUSA STREET REVIVAL (1906)

- 1. God used a small prayer meeting in Los Angeles led by a one-eyed black man named William J. Seymour to birth a global Holy Spirit movement impacting the church and reforming it back to a church dependent on the Holy Spirit.
- 2. The Holy Spirit moved powerfully. Meetings lasted many hours every day. People from many races worshiped together. Missionaries carried the revival message across the world.
- 3. This revival helped ignite the modern Pentecostal movement, now numbering hundreds of millions of believers.

C. HEBRIDE ISLANDS REVIVAL (1949-1953)

1. The Hebrides Revival brought deep conviction of sin, widespread conversions, and a renewed hunger for prayer and worship. Churches were filled nightly, many young people turned to Christ, and entire communities were morally transformed.
2. One testified prophetically that the Holy Spirit was hovering over the region ready to revive the church when the requirements of prayer were accomplished.