

God's Mission and Prayer (Part 2)

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10 Days of Prayer / Prayer; Revival; Unity / Colossians 1:3–6

How can we accomplish the impossible mission of bring the gospel to the world? How did the apostles do it in the first century? The answer to both questions is only through the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit. How can we experience this needed revival? That is the subject of the sermon...

- 10 Days of Prayer
 - Covering Past details

The Three Angels' Call to Prayer

Impossible Mission

7.8 billion

385,000 babies born each day

140 million each year

20 million SDA's

7 X Per year.

- Losing Ground?

- How can we???
- How did disciples?
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- Mission Impossible

Matthew 19:26 ESV

But Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

- Specifically
 - 3 Person of Godhead

Revival Then

- Jesus’ Promise

Acts 1:8 ESV

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

- What did they do?

- God pray...

[Acts 1:13–14](#) (ESV)

And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, (names 11 apostles)... All these with one accord were **devoting themselves to prayer**, (names women).

- What were they doing
 - in the upper room?

“Devoting Themselves to Prayer”

- It sparked amazing revival.

Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:41 ESV

So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Within Short time

Acts 4:4 ESV

But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

- With Women and kids:
 - 15-20k

Next

Acts 6:7 ESV

And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Mission Work

Philip in Samaria

Acts 8:5-6 ESV

Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did.

Paul's missionary journeys

- Amazing Story
- Amazing Miracles

- Amazing Conversions
- Rapid Church Growth

Peter's with Cornelius

- People begging
 - to know truth.

Conclusion of Revival

[Colossians 1:23](#) (NKJV)

... the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven...

- Amazing Evangelism
 - Whole world
 - 1 Generation!
- How did This happen?
 - Power of Holy Spirit
 - Corporate Revival

- United Prayer
- 10 Days in Upper Room

If the Holy Spirit was withdrawn from the church today, 95 percent of what we do would go on and no one would know the difference. If the Holy Spirit had been withdrawn from the New Testament church, 95 percent of what they did would stop, and everybody would know the difference.” — A. W. Tozer

Revival Today

- We know the stories
 - We heard them all.
 - Grew up with them.
- Now, we ask:
 - what is taking so long?
 - Why hasn't God come?

“Before the final visitation of God's judgments upon the earth there will be among the people of the Lord such a revival of primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times.” (The Great Controversy, p. 464).

- Before final judgments?
 - Final Revival!!!
- Sound Familiar?
- How did they
 - preach gospel
 - every creature
 - under heaven
 - one generation?
- Answer?
- Holy Spirit Power
- Great Revival
- “Latter Rain”

Time for Revival

Zechariah 10:1 ESV

Ask rain from the LORD

in the season of the spring rain,
from the LORD who makes the storm clouds,
and he will give them showers of rain,
to everyone the vegetation in the field.

- Time for Latter Rain
 - Time to ask
 - Time to seek
 - Time to pray
 - Final Revival

A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work. There must be earnest effort to obtain the blessing of the Lord, not because God is not willing to bestow His blessing upon us, but because we are unprepared to receive it. TR 9.1

- Greatest
- Most Urgent
 - Need

- First Priority
- Earnest Effort
- We are unprepared

Ask, Seek, Knock

Luke 11:9–13 **ESV**

And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

- God Says
 - Ask
 - Seek
 - Knock
 - For what?
 - Holy Spirit!!!
- We must seek revival

- First Priority...
- Unitedly.

‘Ask of Me, and I will answer your requests.’ The promise is made on condition that the **united prayers** of the church are offered, and in answer to these prayers there may be expected a power greater than that which comes in answer to private prayer. The power given will be **proportionate** to the unity of the members and their love for God and for one another” - 9MR, p. 303

Practical Advice

- Attend 10 Days of Prayer
- Pray Alone
- Pray Together
- Ask for Holy Spirit
- Devotional Materials

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- Resources
- Study Materials

- Mark Finley
- 10 Days in the Upper Room
- Mark Finley
- Amazon
- Kindle

Conclusion

- Let's Seek Revival
- Pray for Latter Rain
- Pray Together

Appeal

- Small Group Prayer Time