

Seek God for Revival - Wednesday Evening April 17, 2024

God's heart for revival is truly expressed in what Jesus declares He is here to do in Luke 4:18-19, "The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor (those who realize their need for Him). He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, 19 and that the time of the LORD's favor has come."

God so loves all the people of the world, that He sent Jesus to set us free from sin, give us new life in Christ, and deliver us from the power of the evil one.

CT was birthed out of a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit in 1907 from the Azusa Street Revival, which had a worldwide impact. But as Pastor Darcy Siggelko showed us from the story of Isaac, it's a well that needs to be re-dug by every generation to save people from going down that wide road to eternal torment. We need to keep digging the well to bring forth the reality of life in Christ by the Spirit to our world.

Throughout the Scriptures water is symbolic of spiritual life, of salvation, of the relationship we have with God, that satisfies our every need. Jesus said in John 4:14 "But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life." Never thirst? Yes! Never thirst. This is an amazing promise of God to satisfy every need of our soul.

There are many Scriptures that promise revival when we seek God. One of these is 2Chronicles 7:14-15 which says, "if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. ¹⁵My eyes will be open and my ears attentive to every prayer made in this place." As we can see, God longs for His people to seek Him for revival.

It's not a coincidence that CT church finds itself in the heart of Wpg surrounded by people who need to know that Jesus is real. They need to see that Jesus is active in CT with new life, hope and transforming power. We are here placed by God for such a time as this. People's prayers over many years (Rev.5:8), are being answered for a church right here in the heart of Winnipeg, in the heart of MB, in the heart of Canada that listens to Jesus and does what He says no matter what the cost.

In John 17:21-23 Jesus prays for all believers, I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one — as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me. ²²I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. ²³I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me."

1Corinthians 12:12-23 tells us that the body of Christ has many parts, and every member is necessary and important. This is particularly important when it comes to seeking God for revival, because God hears the prayers of every sincere member.

Let's join together in prayer:

Isaiah 64:1 says, "Oh, that you would burst from the heavens and come down! How the mountains would quake in your presence!" Pray for God's glory to come down in a special way by the Spirit like on the Day of Pentecost and what followed, with miracles, signs, and wonders, through Jesus Christ.

Pray for God to take a hold of us and to break our hearts with the desperate needs around us (2Corinthians 9:8). Ask the Holy Spirit to help us pray the will of God for His Church, for the lost, for backsliders, and His grief over what is happening to our country. Pray for God to share His divine solution, from heaven, with us. Pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest (Matthew 9:37-38).

Hebrews 12:2 says, "looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith". When we look to the greatness of Jesus, this verse tells us that Jesus will enable us to have faith and believe His promises. Jesus is the Source of our faith. Pray that we will keep looking unto Jesus as we seek God for revival.

So, in seeking God for revival, pray for the Holy Spirit to help us to move more and more toward the model set by Jesus Christ in the early church. The central point of this model ... is that our risen Jesus who has ascended to our Father's right hand in heaven continues to work with and through His people here on earth (Mark 16:20).

In our battle against Satan, it's important to know that Jesus has delivered us completely from Satan. We have authority to defeat the devil based on Christ's work on the cross as in Col.2:14-15 "He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross."

In Matthew 44-45 Jesus says, "love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! ⁴⁵In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven." Jesus came for everyone. Pray for the hundreds of thousands in Winnipeg who Jesus came to save no matter how hardened their hearts may be against Him.

Jesus said in Matthew 28:18 "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth." Jesus with all His power working with us also said in Revelation 3:8 "I have opened a door for you that no one can close." Ask God to help us pray in ways that will make a difference, change things, and lead us through that open door to Jesus' plan for revival.

Romans 8:34 says that Jesus "is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us." The faith that works by love (Galatians 5:6) grows as we know that Jesus is continually interceding for us. And His prayers for you are unending. We thank Him and praise Him and worship Him.

Keep praying every day to seek God for revival.