

Dear Friend,

I believe with all of my heart that we have entered into the edge waters of the greatest outpouring of revival the world has ever seen. In many ways, things seem worse than they have ever been. But adversity has never been a hindrance to revival. In fact, people normally tend to cry out unto God more during times of adversity than they do in times of peace and prosperity.

This revival will not just be fueled by fiery messages about repentance and faith in Christ (although both are extremely necessary), but will also be accompanied by supernatural healings, signs, and wonders. The apostle Paul is a good example of how “this gospel” shall be preached to all the world:

1Co 2:4-5 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: (5) That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

That is exactly what Jesus meant when He gave one of the signs of the end times:

Mat 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

“This gospel” shall be preached to the nations. The same gospel Jesus preached. The same gospel Jesus demonstrated. Not a gospel in word only, but a gospel in demonstration of the Spirit and power. Glory to God! The world has come to the place where it no longer listens to a gospel that is preached in “word only.” We need to preach the gospel the same way Jesus did, the same way the first disciples did:

Mar 16:20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

I am convinced one of the main reasons for the lack of power in the church is because of this verse:

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Ghost. The temple is supposed to be kept holy by us. God is not the one who keeps our bodies holy. Notice that “we” are to present our bodies a living sacrifice ... holy ... acceptable to God. What if we do not present our bodies “holy” to God? Will they be acceptable for His use? Absolutely not! That is one part of the problem, but another part is not allowing ourselves to be transformed by the renewing of our minds:

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

The Greek word translated “transformed” in that verse is the same word translated “transfigured” when Jesus showed forth His glory on the mountain.

Mar 9:2-3 And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them. (3) And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them.

The Greek word is “metamorphoo” and it is where we get our English word “metamorphosis.” That is the word used to describe the transformation of a caterpillar into a butterfly. There is no point in the caterpillar trying to fly as if it had wings. It is not a matter of a caterpillar trying to conform itself to act like a butterfly. No, the caterpillar must go through an actual transformation, a metamorphosis into something it was not before.

Spiritually, this already happened when we were born again. The transformation was instantaneous in our spirit, but the transformation comes gradually as our minds are renewed to think like “new creatures,” born of God’s own Spirit. Thank God for Him giving us His Word and thank God for Him giving us the Teacher ... the Holy Spirit. ONLY the Holy Spirit has the power to literally transform our minds to think according to the truth of the realm of the Spirit.

Joh 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

I am so thankful for the privilege of having Dave Roberson as my pastor for so many years. Thank God he lovingly kept hammering us back into meditation of the Word of God and praying long seasons in the Holy Spirit. It’s not easy for a caterpillar to become a butterfly. If you ever study the process, you will find out it requires the complete consumption of the original caterpillar. But this was foreshadowed by the prophet John the Baptist when he said;

Joh 3:30 He must increase, but I must decrease.

Let us remain in the cocoon of prayer, fasting, worship, and the Word of God. Let us continue to allow the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth so that the transformation can be complete by the renewing of our minds. It is unpleasant for the caterpillar during the transformation process, but the joy of then being able to fly when the transformation is completed ... oh my ... REVIVAL IS NOW!

Your fellow servant for Christ,

Gary