



THE GLUE~ Receiving what God is doing Part 3

The 1 minute Glue: Refreshment has come to our church, but we still need to be praying for more. We need a revival. God is showing up in ways that are not normal, but amazing. Receive what God is doing with a fresh and humble heart. God wants to touch His people, so lets ask the Lord to help us be open to anything the Holy Spirit is doing. More Lord!

...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. 2 Chron 7:14

The following was the report of an atheist "free thinker" named James B. Finley, who attended the Cane Ridge, Kentucky revival in 1801: "The noise was like the roar of Niagara. The vast sea of human beings seemed to be agitated as if by a storm... Some of the people were singing, others praying, some crying for mercy in the most piteous accents, while others were shouting enthusiastically. While witnessing these scenes, a peculiarly-strange sensation, such as I had never felt before, came over me. My heart beat tumultuously, my knees trembled, my lip quivered, and I felt as though I must fall to the ground. A strange supernatural power seemed to pervade the entire mass of mind there collected...At one time I saw at least five hundred, swept down in a moment as if a battery of a thousand guns had been opened upon them, and then immediately followed shrieks and shouts that rent the very heavens...I fled for the woods a second time, and wished I had stayed at home." (Quoted from *When the Spirit Comes With Power* by John White p.70) Just because God shows up does not mean there aren't critics and/or that everyone is converted.

The following are phenomena that have been observed in contemporary experience: shaking, jerking, loss of bodily strength, heavy breathing, eyes fluttering, lips trembling, oil on the body, changes in skin color, weeping, laughing, "drunkenness", staggering, travailing, dancing, falling, visions, hearing audibly into spirit realm, inspired utterances -- i.e. prophecy, tongues, interpretation, angelic visitations and manifestations, jumping, violent rolling, screaming, wind, heat, electricity, coldness, nausea as discernment of evil, smelling or tasting good or evil presences, tingling, pain in the body as discernment of illnesses, feeling heavy weight or lightness, trances-altered physical state while seeing and hearing into the spirit world, inability to speak normally, disruption of natural realm -- i.e. electrical circuits blown. This is not a performance, if you don't encounter the Lord this way it doesn't mean you aren't accepted. How you perform, what you do or what happens to you doesn't make you more acceptable or valuable. You are not what you do! How do we respond to this when God decides to move this way? Except, stay neutral or reject. Keep Jesus in sight and everything makes sense.

The Bible does not record all the possible legitimate supernatural experiences. Rather it records examples of legitimate supernatural **experiences that fall into broader categories that are typical of how the Holy Spirit works.** This concept is taught in *And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen. John 21:25.* God is always and forever free to do unprecedented things that are consistent with His character and the principles of Scripture.

How Should We Respond to the Moving of God?:

With Humility - Being ok with God coming anyway He wants to and being open and willing to freely receive from Him. **Many of us need to repent for wanting to control God and only receive what is comfortable to us.** We need to take the posture of being "learners" rather than "experts or judges" in the ministry of the Spirit. We don't want to say things like, "been there done that" regarding the things of the Spirit as though God doesn't want to do it again or differently. We should also not say that is just not me because God is the one that defines who you are. Without humility we will receive the move of the Spirit with ingratitude or count as a common thing. *The humble He guides in justice, and the humble He teaches His way. Ps 25:9* The humble are open to being taught the ways of God. *For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a contrite and humble spirit. to revive the spirit of the humble. And to revive the heart (to make alive -vibrant. flourishing. healthv.*

nourish up, recover, repair, restore, to be whole) of *the contrite ones*. **Isa 57:15** Many of us need to ask God to revive us and free us from torment. Some of us are broken or indifferent to the moving of God's Spirit and we need breakthrough; do we really know the joy and love of God? Revive us Lord into your love and joy!

Pursue Holiness- *You shall not make yourselves abominable with any creeping thing that creeps; nor shall you make yourselves unclean with them, lest you be defiled by them. 44 For I am the Lord your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I am holy. Neither shall you defile yourselves with any creeping thing that creeps on the earth. 45 For I am the Lord who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy. 46 'This is the law of the animals and the birds and every living creature that moves in the waters, and of every creature that creeps on the earth, 47 to distinguish between the unclean and the clean, and between the animal that may be eaten and the animal that may not be eaten.'* **Lev 11:43-47** The Lord makes me clean as I agree with His goodness and repent of the unclean things and my sin. Then the clean things keep me clean, not my effort. It is the Lord that makes me holy but He gives me the choice. I do not have a self cleaning mechanism but I do have a choice between clean and unclean. The unclean makes me dirty.

Ask for more- The refreshing has come but we need revival. We need to be praying for more. Friday Night is a great place to do that. Don't just observe, enter in and drink in what the Spirit wants to do in your life.

My soul longs, yes, even faints *For the courts of the Lord; My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.* **Ps 84:2**

I spread out my hands to You (to receive more); My soul longs for You like a thirsty land. **Ps 143:6**

I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, If you find my beloved, That you tell him I am lovesick! **Song 5:8**

I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. 16 So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. 17 Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing' — and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked — 18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. 19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. 21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. 22 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.' **Rev 3:15-22**

He is speaking to the Church! You are a part of the Story!

Our vision is to glorify God by being a life-giving church that reaches the lost, disciples the heart and equips God's people to observe all that Jesus has commanded.

Service: Sunday: 9:30am

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