

The Activity of the Holy Spirit 5 In Historical Ministries

Introduction:

Before we continue with this series, I want to re-cap on the last 4 series so that we blend into this new one.

The First one – The first Sunday of August - *Not By Might, Nor by Power, But by my Spirit.* – A Study of the Activity of the Holy Spirit In the Old Testament Events and Leaders.

The Second Sunday - *The Activity of the Holy Spirit in the Historical Church* – A Study on the Demonstration and the Motivation of the Early Church. – The Structure of the Early Church.

The Third Sunday – *The Activity of the Holy Spirit in the first 500 Years of the Historical Church* – A Study of how the Church suffered through Persecution, Paganism and Traditions of Men. As was kept Other Worldly by the Holy Spirit.

Last Sunday – *The Activity of the Holy Spirit in Historic Missions* – A Study of the thrust of Evangelism by the Holy Spirit inspired normal people to go into regions beyond. South Pacific, Asia, and Native America. This Brave life giving missionaries paved the road for modern civilization. And is a big part of connecting people groups together.

Today, I want to bring to your attention the Activity of the Holy Spirit In Ministries. Unlike previous studies we have learned about the activity of the church as a body or local bodies of believers growing in the Holy Spirit. But as we study the Activity of the Holy Spirit in Ministries we are going to see how the Holy Spirit started spontaneous movements that echoed throughout the world.

Acts 9:25-40

Phillip the Evangelist

The living instruments that are used are unknown, sick or dysfunctional men and women that have yielding themselves for such a time as this.

Who were or are they?
What were they doing?
How were they called?
How did it end?

First I wanted to mention a couple of Revivals or Community Awakenings that took place in the early 1900's.

The 1905 Welsh Revival

This Awakening happened in Great Britain, In the midst of a Anglo-American Church. Evan Roberts was a miner-blacksmith turned evangelist who was only 2 years in the Lord. It was noted that there would be concerts of singing in the Spirit for hours. Hundreds of Souls were saved in a short period of Time, in which many would go out and began new churches and missions.

The Asuza Street Revival of 1906 in Los Angeles

This revival movement was so strong that during the San Fransico Earthquake the Los Angeles Times felt it more important to report on the revival on the front page than the Earthquake. "Wild Scenes in the Mission" One of them being a large flames of fire from the top of the roof of the building that got the attention of the Fire Department, not knowing that it was the Fire of the Holy Spirit.

More a thousand visitors tried to enter a 40x60 square foot building (Smaller than this). On any given day.

One of the most important keys to this revival was the submission of Pastor Seymour who was a black minister who was kicked out of certain churches for his preaching on the Evidence of the Holy Spirit and tongues, one preacher in Los Angeles chained locked the church doors of a church that Seymour was preaching in boycott to his message.

Seymour who was 35, had to reside at a residence of a near by friend. Little did he know that revival was going to break forth. After several weeks of Prayer meetings at this residence, Seymour began to have church on the front porch, and great crowds gathered on the street corners.

Then they later moved to 312 Asuza Street, which later was called after it's name. Within three years thousands of souls were saved and the ministry reached into over 20 countries with more than 50,000 subscribers of their publication.

One of the great distinctions of this revival was the unity and the inter-racial mix of it attendees, many churches were practicing separation, but this move under the Holy Spirit was had Black and White kneeling together with shoeboxes over their head seeking the face of God.

How it ended – Unfortunately, this move in Asuza ended by the simple tactic of Gossip, One big mouth in particular resented Seymour's Marriage, because she felt the Rapture was very short of time and no one have any business getting tied down. As more gossip continued and division ran violently this Move was quenched within 3 years.

From this revival we have many who went into all the world preaching, and the influence of the Holy Spirit began to enter many denominations of that day, hundreds of Baptist, Methodist preachers began to seek the 'Baptism of the Holy Spirit' Today 2 large organizations have come from it. Assemblies of God and Apostolic Faith Churches. And Many Well known evangelist.

Aimee Semple McPherson

She was one of the most animated evangelist of her time. Her father was a Methodist Organist and farmer, who taught Amiee the piano and organ. She had a great foundation at home and her call was revealed to when she was shaken by the teachings of "Evolution" at her High School.

While being on the mission field in China, her husband died and left her with a son and a girl in the making. Later she worked with the Salvation Army collecting money in the Theater lobbies.

She later remarried and ministered with her husband Canada, 10 years later, her husband left the evangelistic ministry and divorced her. 2 hard shots in ministry. But she did not give up.

Amiee was later ordained as an Evangelist In the AOG church and Her vision was Interdenominational from the start. In the 1920's she was know as "sister" She was known for her spontaneous approach to evangelism and her unique way of presenting the Gospel. **Examples** – Soap Box, and Police Dept. Many miracles and healings were taking place at the new Angelus Temple that was built for the big crowds that would attend on weekends. Up to 5000 and she would preach over 20 times weekly.

She wrote over 180 songs, her ministry helped over 1.5 million people during the depression and after she settled down from her evangelistic travels, she founded what is known today as the Foursquare Organization that has planted over 25,000 church to this date. The Motto – Heb 13:9 – Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. She died from shock and respiratory failure from an accidental overdose of prescription drugs.

David Walker (Little David)

Evangelist, as a little child he was an evangelist in training. He was a child of traveling evangelist and his home was a "Converted bus, house rack" by the age of 9 he traveled the US. His parents were thrust into evangelism after their miracle healings His father had burns and his mother had cancer in the advance stages.

Little Walker was bit by a poisonous snake and the infection led to blindness, after 3 days of fasting a prayer, he was totally healed and He was “baptized in the Holy Spirit”. At the age of 9 he preached his first sermon in Colton California. And started his first church at the age of 17.

Smith Wigglesworth

Was known for his strong faith in the healing power of God.

Born to a poor family, and he was deprived of education. And had to help support his family at the age of 6. He received a “Pentecostal Experience in 1907 while he was operating in a plumbing business. 48 years of age his ministry began to bloom. He had an unusual way of praying for people, he would strike people with his fist to the infected area and people would get healed. Others who were cripples were ordered to run across the platform.

His preaching centered on salvations, healings and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. And it has been recorded that over 7 people were raised from the dead from the prayers of “The Apostle of Faith” Motto – Fear looks, faith jumps.

Closing

I covered a helpless mother, a child and 2 educated men, what more do we need to be convinced that the Holy Spirit can a desires to use us.

Welsh Revival

Men

Women