

What Was Started

The Role of the Holy Spirit

Recent activities at Asbury College in Wilmore, KY, has led many to refer to the events as a modern revival, even similar to the amazing Cane Ridge revival in 1801, near Paris, Ky. Most attributed the long praise gatherings as the work of the Holy Spirit. Even among brethren, praise for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit was expressed.

We need to understand what the Bible teaches

Galatians 1:6-7 "I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; which is *really* not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ."

Three D Words:

- D _____:
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Do these statements bother you? Do you recognize what is wrong with them?

Alistair Begg quoting a survey claims that one in three American say that God speaks to them directly and personally.

- "Many now rely far more on inward promptings than on their Bible knowledge to decide what they are going to do in a situation" (Is that You, Lord? Pg 26)

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"God can and does give personal words of direction to believers today that cannot be found in the Bible. I do not believe that He gives direction that contradicts the Bible, but direction that cannot be found in the Bible."

Mark 13:11 "And when they arrest you and deliver you up, do not be anxious beforehand about what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour; for it is not you who speak, but it is the Holy Spirit."

When the Spirit Spoke:

- Pay attention to who was spoken to
- What was said

Acts 8:29

Acts 10:19-20

Acts 11:27-28

Acts 13:2-3

Acts 20:22-23

Acts 21:10-11

When God spoke

There are 13 occasions in which God spoke directly to individuals in the N.T. (Eight of those times were to apostles)

The other five occasions were: Philip, Ananias, Agabus, Cornelius, the church at Antioch

1. When God did speak it was almost always to _____ and _____ in the Biblical story
2. When God spoke it was _____ (Deut 18:15-22)
3. When God did speak it was with _____ words (never with feelings, hunches or prompting) - 2 Pet 1:21
4. When God did speak it was about His _____ will (not personal situations in life)
5. When God did speak it was _____ that God had spoken

Other Biblical Conclusions:

1. The nature of the N.T. was not a p_____ r_____
 Eph 2:20; 3:5; Jude 3; 2 Pet 1:3; 3:2; Rev 22:18-19
2. The Bible nowhere teaches that God's will is revealed through _____
3. Because it has happened once in Bible history does not mean it is _____ nor _____
 to happen
 (What happened to the apostles does not happen to all people)
4. If it's not according to the Book, then it is not _____ (Good is determined by God—Mt 7:19)

The Holy Spirit & the Apostles

The Promise of the baptism of the Holy Spirit (Mk 1:8; Acts 1:5) and the imparting of the Holy Spirit was upon the apostles (Acts 2). This was in part because of their roles (Mt 16:19) and their commission (Mk 16:15)

- _____ them all things (Jn 14:26)
- Bring to _____ what Jess said (Jn 14:26)
- Bear _____ of Jesus (Jn 15:26)
- _____ the world of sin (Jn 16:8)
- _____ you into all truth (Jn 16:13)
- _____ what is to come (Jn 16:13)

The role of God's word: Eph 3:3-5; 2 Tim 4:2; Rom 10:17

