

## **7 Characteristics of Revivals and Awakenings**

Each time of revival or spiritual awakening is divine in nature and often contrary or external to the programs of men (believers and unbelievers), and they have a profound effect and legacy on the communities that experience them. Here are several things that will always characterize a move of God in churches, communities and beyond:

- **God's Sovereignty (His timing – Acts 1:4-5)**  
"Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, 'Which,' *He said*, 'you heard of from Me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'"
- **Prayer (Acts 1:14)**  
"They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers."
- **Unity (Acts 2:1)**  
"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place."
- **Obedience to the Spirit (Acts 2:4)**  
"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues<sup>as</sup> the Spirit enabled them."
- **Preaching (Acts 2:14)**  
"Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.'"
- **Repentance (Acts 2:36-38)**  
"Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.'

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?' Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'"

- **Evangelism (Acts 2:41)**

"Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day."

(Adapted from "What Is Revival" in the book "Flashpoints of Revival" by Dr. Geoff Waugh.)