

## Stir Yourself Up!

All around us there are people who have never heard nor have ever received the goodness of God into their lives, their homes, their families. They are lost and crying out in the world. They need the real thing: Jesus Christ. And He will come to every man that calls upon His wonderful name with the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. The Psalmist prays out in Psalm 85:6,

*"Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You? Show us Your mercy, Lord, and grant us salvation."*

This prayer has been answered in Jesus Christ. When He came out of the grave Jesus opened the wells of salvation to every man, extending His great mercy to anyone who would believe in what He did for them. As this Psalm says, revival will cause you to rejoice! God is still sending His Holy Spirit and fire (Matthew 3:11) – an unstoppable force that you cannot contain within yourself. You become literally gripped with His glory and His presence. You can't explain it! You are so changed, so healed, so delivered! But you must go out and give it away! It is like a fire burning in your belly and in your bones that changes you forever. How does it come? It comes to us through grace! Because Jesus is risen, He sends His Holy Spirit upon those who believe in His message. Believing in Christ unlocks the Spirit to you! Once the Spirit of God has touched you it creates a hunger, hunger for God's glory and all that He is. You end up pursuing Him with all of your heart!

You will be satisfied in Jesus Christ; you will not be lacking, but you still will want more! He's so good! Why be content with just a little "touch" when you can be consumed with the fire and love of Jesus Christ? We can pursue Him! His Holy presence in our lives will change our families, our friends, our co-workers, and our neighbors. He can change this city and this nation. And we can't take the credit for any of it! He gets all the glory.

My prayer for you? That you continue to grow in grace, that you experience all of His love and power, and, that you never become complacent nor satisfied in the Spirit. It is easy to grow weary; we all become tired for a variety of reasons. But don't allow weariness to rob you of greater blessings! God has not given us such grace so that we might grow complacent. Stir yourself up in your most holy faith!

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