

DEVOTIONAL SERIES



SALVATION



THOUGHTS FROM COLONEL ROBERT WARD

Acts 2:37 (NKJV)

And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Numbers Added Daily

To date, there have been almost four thousand wildfires in Canada. Many of these burn in sparsely inhabited wilderness, but the smoke has spread its pervasive influence that has impacted the air quality in cities thousands of miles away. Similarly, the sound of wind and tongues of fire experienced on the day of Pentecost exerted its impact that resounded for two thousand years, and across the world.

The Holy Spirit Initiates New Growth (Read Acts 2:1-4, 40-41)

The early disciples were compelled to go out onto the streets and preach as the Lord gave them language. Peter explained what was happening and how Scripture foretold this event. People were called to repent and believe in Christ. On that day, three thousand people were saved and added to the church. From this birthing of the church, there have been uncounted wildfire revivals initiated by the Holy Spirit, each resulting in souls saved and new members converted. Today we pray for the Holy Spirit to move among His people and energize us. As General John Gowan said, we are called to “save souls, grow saints, and serve suffering humanity.”

We Have Our Part to Play (Read Acts 2:46-47)

Adding daily to the church, or our own congregation or program, starts with being in a place where the Holy Spirit can use us. These verses describe the character of the first church where people met together daily in synagogues in a spirit of unity. Others would notice this and likely ask, “What’s going on here?” Another opportunity to witness. It didn’t stop here. People would be invited to share meals together in their homes. No Swiss Chalet in those days, but maybe home is still a better place for new Christians to fellowship. As they ate, it was with “gladness and simplicity of heart.” They praised God daily, not just on Sunday at the regular time. Confronted with this, many people accepted the salvation offered.

Would this work today?

PRAYER

Holy Spirit, prepare our hearts and our congregation to be like You. Unite and energize us together in You so that even daily, souls will be saved, and numbers will be added to the church. May the fire of Your Holy Spirit continue to influence us to seek the lost, despairing, and friendless so they seek Your salvation. Amen.