

The Church in Revival

Scripture: Acts 5:12–21a, 42

Introduction: Here we have a description of a church in revival. Ananias and Sapphira were out of the way, the church had been cleansed of sin, and after judgement comes revival—not a momentary euphoria, but an abiding enthusiasm for the things of the Lord.

1. **Their Miracles** (vv. 12, 15, 16). Miracles in the Bible occurred in “spurts”—during the Exodus, the ministries of Elijah and Elisha, and with Christ and the early church. God can and does, on occasion, perform miracles today, but the bottom-line miracle is the supernatural presence of Christ abiding by His Spirit in a congregation or Christian.
2. **Their Meetings** (v. 12b). They were all with one accord.
3. **Their Magnification** (v. 13). They were held in esteem.
4. **Their Multitudes** (vv. 14–16a)
5. **Their Message** (vv. 17–21).

Conclusion: Revival occurs when a group of Christians experience the miracle of the indwelling Christ coming upon them, filling them, binding them together in one accord, and radiating such a joy that others say, “That’s for me. Lord, I want to be a Christian, too.”