

4. A leisurely, participatory style of public praise and prayer
5. A use of spiritual gifts for ministry in the body of Christ by every member of Christ
6. Exploration of the possibilities of ministry through a communal life-style
7. An active commitment by this and other means to reach out to the needy in evangelism and service
8. A high level of expectancy that the hand of God will again and again be shown in striking providences ("miracles"), prophetic messages to this or that person, visions, supernatural healings, and similar manifestations

Does this ideal of renewal at any point go beyond the historic evangelical notion of revival? Yes: A vein of what I have called super-supernaturalism runs through it, becoming visible in the stress on tongues, prophecies, healing, and the expectation of miracles. In evangelical thinking about revival this has no warrant, and in evangelical experience of revival it has constantly been diagnosed as a mark of disturbing immaturity rather than of high spirituality.

Does the charismatic ideal of renewal at any point fail short of what Evangelicals mean by revival? Yes: The notes of humility and awe in the presence of the holy God and of the need to realize the sinfulness of sin, the evil of egoism and the radical nature of repentance are rarely struck. As a result, the child-to-Daddy, buddy-to-Jesus informality that charismatics often embrace and cultivate as a corrective of the cold and distant formalism of prerenewal religion easily becomes more childish than childlike and actually stunts growth.

Now that is a serious shortcoming, for a deepened sense of who and what God is and a quickened realization of one's own unworthiness and of the marvel of God's grace to so rotten a sinner as oneself is the taproot of all real revival. So it is further into this sense of things that all who appreciate the charismatic movement and have benefited from its enormously fruitful delineations of openness to the Spirit and responsiveness to Christ should now be seeking to move. For the Spirit's work of magnifying the Mediator in Christian eyes today will not be fully done till he has brought us all to a more galvanizing awareness of the holiness of God and greatness of our need of the mercy that Christ has brought than any of us has yet known.

Revival conditions are not with us at present; this is a day of small things, and we remain pygmy saints. One can be thankful for the contemporary willingness of Bible-believing, Christ-loving Christians to receive from each other across denominational boundaries and despite theological differences within the evangelical spectrum; it was not always so. Each of us has cause for gratitude for what we personally have received from sources with which, in terms of theology, we could not altogether identify. Yet none of us is entitled to be satisfied and complacent with what we now have; all of us must seek, rather, to