

Romans 11:36 – “For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things...” Revival comes from God. All that is done must come from Him and through Him. The aim of revival leads to Him, more of Him, all of Him. What is God’s place in the church? I sometimes wonder if we know. If we want revival, we must know God’s place is in His church. We will never know until we understand the work of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit reigns in the Church as Christ reigns in the Heavens. “Being therefore exalted to the right hand of God, and having received the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear” (Acts 2:33). This is the dispensation of the Spirit. He lives in us. Where then, is His power? When the Holy Spirit is grieved, His work is restricted. And there is plenty of indifference for Him to be grieved. Most saints have never experienced real Holy Spirit power. The power of the Spirit is quenched by unbelief and our refusal to obey Him. The Holy Spirit asks one thing of us – to give up the right to ourselves. We can’t yield to the Spirit and to our own desires at the same time. When the Holy Spirit reigns in our hearts, The Lord Jesus is first in our lives. That is what happens in revival. Christ is first, because we pray for, submit to, and obey the Holy Spirit. In revival, saints become as transformed as Peter and the Apostles were at Pentecost. They had already received the Holy Spirit. Jesus had breathed on them and said, “Receive the Spirit.” The Spirit was in them while they prayed in the upper room. When they gave up their right to themselves the fire fell. The Spirit came upon them. The rest is history. Every revival is a revisiting of Pentecostal power. When we want revival in our hearts, we will surrender our hearts. That is what God is after. That is what revival is. The place of God in revival is first in our hearts. That is God’s place in the church. HA