

REVIVAL

Normal work of God = the surprising work of God	Normal work of God + The surprising work of God	Surprising work of God <u>only</u>
We can & God must (if we follow the formula)	We must & God can	God can & We <u>cannot</u> & <u>must not</u>!

Acts 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. **Acts 2:2** And **suddenly** there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. **Acts 2:3** And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. **Acts 2:4** And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about **three thousand souls**.

Acts 4:4 Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men (ὁ ἀριθμὸς τῶν ἀνδρῶν) was about **five thousand** (ὡσεὶ χιλιάδες πέντε)

Acts 5:14 And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.)

Acts 6:7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Habakkuk 3:2 O LORD, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 17:16 Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry.

Acts 17:17 Therefore disputed he in the synagogue (ἐν τῇ συναγωγῇ) with the Jews (τοῖς Ἰουδαίοις), and with the devout persons (καὶ τοῖς σεβομένοις), and in the market (ἐν τῇ ἀγορᾷ) daily with them that met with him.

Matthew 28:19 Go (Πορευθέντες) ye therefore, and teach (μαθητεύσατε) all nations, baptizing (βαπτίζοντες) them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **Matthew 28:20** Teaching (διδάσκοντες) them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

2 Timothy 2:2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

2 Thessalonians 3:1 Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course (ὁ λόγος τοῦ κυρίου τρέχη), and be glorified, **even as it is with you** (καθὼς καὶ πρὸς ὑμᾶς): **2 Thessalonians 3:2** And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith.

2 Thessalonians 3:3 But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil. **2 Thessalonians 3:4** And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command you. **2 Thessalonians 3:5** And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.

Thoughts:

1. Both are works of God

2. Both are taught & recorded in Scripture!

3. We are always engaged in the normal work of God!

What might this be? Preaching, witnessing, VBS, teaching, missions, AWANA, etc

4. Simultaneously, we are constantly seeking for a surprising work of God → for God to intervene and show Himself mighty!

Psalm 80:14 Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: **look down from heaven**, and behold, and **visit** this vine; **Psalm 80:15** And the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted, and the branch that thou madest strong for thyself. **Psalm 80:16** It is burned with fire, it is cut down: they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.

Psalm 80:17 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, upon the son of man whom thou madest strong for thyself. **Psalm 80:18** So will not we go back from thee: **quicken us**, and we will call upon thy name. **Psalm 80:19 Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.**

Psalm 85:5 Wilt thou be angry with us for ever? wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations? **Psalm 85:6** Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee? **Psalm 85:7** Shew us thy mercy, O LORD, and grant us thy salvation.

Psalm 89:46 How long, LORD? wilt thou hide thyself for ever? shall thy wrath burn like fire? **Psalm 89:47** Remember how short my time is: wherefore hast thou made all men in vain? **Psalm 89:48** What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? Selah. **Psalm 89:49** Lord, where are thy former lovingkindnesses, which thou swarest unto David in thy truth?

5. The 2 works of God differ not so much in kind (since both are works of God) but degree

Suddenness	Size
Secondary effects	Strategic occurrences

6. The surprising work of God is often accompanied (before, during, after) by some rather surprising (strange we might say!) phenomina

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Acts 5:11 And great **fear** came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.

Acts 5:12 And by the hands of the apostles were **many** signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.

Acts 5:13 And of the rest **durst no man join himself to them:** but the people magnified them.

Acts 12:24 But the word of God grew and multiplied.

Acts 12:1 Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church.

Acts 12:2 And he killed James the brother of John with the sword.

Acts 12:20 And Herod was highly displeased with them of Tyre and Sidon: but they came with one accord to him, and, having made Blastus the king's chamberlain their friend, desired peace; because their country was nourished by the king's country. **Acts 12:21** And upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them. **Acts 12:22** And the people gave a shout, saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man. **Acts 12:23** And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost.