



Pastor's Comments

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Azusa Street Revival

In April of 1906, two events focused the world's attention on Los Angeles, CA: The city was impacted by a devastating earthquake, and services conducted in a small holiness mission on **Azusa Street** birthed **spiritual renewal** globally. Thousands converged on the city to attend the revival, where they found a **renewed purpose and passion** in serving Jesus and departed to share the message of **His love and power** with others. A century later, the activities of the renowned Azusa Street outpouring are hailed as one of the greatest events in Christian history. These early "Pentecostals" experienced **God's power** as did the apostles on the Day of Pentecost when, "They were all **filled with the Holy Ghost**, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2).

A. C. Valdez, Sr. wrote: "Many times **waves of glory** would come...and people would cry out prayers of thanks or praise as they **received the baptism in the Holy Spirit**...Sometimes after a wave of glory, **a lot of people would speak in tongues**. Then a holy quietness would come over the place, followed by a chorus of prayer in languages we had never before heard. During the tarrying, we used to break out in songs about Jesus and the Holy Spirit, 'Fill Me Now,' 'Joy Unspeakable,' and 'Love Lifted Me.' Praise about the cleansing and precious blood of Jesus would just spring from our mouths...**heavenly music** would fill the hall, and we would break into tears. Suddenly the crowd seemed to forget how to sing in English. Out of their mouths would come **new languages** and **lovely harmony** that no human beings could have learned."

I invite you to join us this Sunday as I share more about the Azusa Street outpouring.

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