

Supernatural History of America

Session 4

The Third Great Awakening
and Beyond

God's Purpose for America

- Spread the Gospel
- Return the Jews to Israel
- Prove that man is not perfectible

Great Awakenings

- First: 1731–1755
- Second: 1790–1840
- Third: 1850–1900
- Fourth: 1960–1980

Second Great Awakening

- Protestant denominations grew
- Other religious groups founded
- Social reforms change America

Growth of Protestant Churches

- Methodist circuit riders
- Local Baptist preachers
- Women and young people converted in greater numbers

Other Religious Groups

1830-1860

- Adventism—Millerites, Seventh-Day Adventists
- Holiness movement
- Restoration movement—Mormons, Shakers
- Utopianism—Onieda, Amana
- Transcendentalism, New Thought

Social Reform

- Abolition
- Temperance
- Women's rights

The Third Great Awakening

- 1850-1900
- Spreads from Canada
- Extension of the Second Great Awakening
- Led by laymen

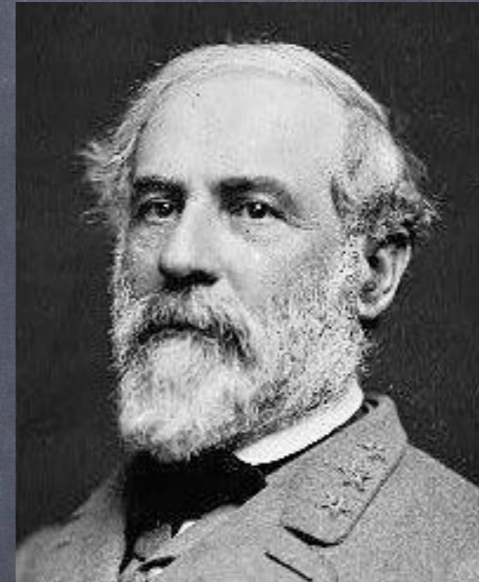
The Prayer Meeting Revival precedes the Third Awakening

- 1856 Charles Finney begins preaching in Boston
- 1857 Charleston, SC Revival among slaves
- 1857 Fulton Street “Prayer Meeting Revival” in NYC
- 1857-58 Over one million new converts

The Civil War interrupts the 1857-58 Revival

- Abolitionism, Temperance and Women's Rights Movements Converge in the North
- Confederate States Army revival begins in the Army of Northern Virginia in 1863

Robert E. Lee



- 1807-1870
- Devoted Christian
- Commander of the Army of Northern Virginia
- Encouraged daily prayer and Bible reading and observance of the Sabbath on Sunday among troops

Stonewall Jackson



- 1824-1863
- Devoted Christian
- Nicknamed at First Battle of Bull Run in 1861
- Hit by friendly fire and died on a Sunday from pneumonia following amputation of left arm

The Bible Belt

- 150,000 converted Confederate soldiers returned home and the Bible Belt was born

Prominent Movements and Movers

- Social Gospel and Progressivism
- 1874 Women's Christian Temperance Union advances Prohibition and Women's Suffrage
- 1879 Salvation Army comes to America with focus on poverty

Prominent Movements and Movers

- 1886 Dwight L. Moody founds Moody Bible Institute
- Holiness and Pentecostal Movements emphasize sanctification and baptism in the Holy Spirit

New Cults

- 1870 Charles Taze Russell and Watchtower Society evolve into Jehovah's Witnesses
- 1879 Mary Baker Eddy founds Christian Science
- 1880 New Thought becomes Church of Divine Science
- 1889 Unity School of Christianity

Turn of the 20th Century

- Welsh Revival of 1904-1905
- Azusa Street Revival 1906-1915

Azusa Street Revival

The **Azusa Street Revival** was a historic Pentecostal revival meeting that took place in Los Angeles, California and is the origin of the Pentecostal movement. It was led by William J. Seymour, an African American preacher. It began with a meeting on April 9, 1906, and continued until roughly 1915. The revival was characterized by ecstatic spiritual experiences accompanied by miracles, dramatic worship services, speaking in tongues, and inter-racial mingling. The participants were criticized by the secular media and Christian theologians for behaviors considered to be outrageous and unorthodox, especially at the time. Today, the revival is considered by historians to be the primary catalyst for the spread of Pentecostalism in the 20th century.

Fourth Great Awakening

- 1960-1980
- Decline of mainline denominations
- Growth of Conservative and Independent Churches
- Televangelism and megachurches
- Charismatic renewal

Movements and Movers

- Jesus Movement
- Chuck Smith founds Calvary Chapel
- Billy Graham Crusades
- Oral Roberts—faith healer and televangelist

Faith/Prosperity Movement

It was during the Healing Revivals of the 1950s that prosperity theology first came to prominence in the United States, although commentators have linked the origins of its theology to the New Thought movement which began in the 19th century. The prosperity teaching later figured prominently in the Word of Faith movement and 1980s televangelism. In the 1990s and 2000s, it was adopted by influential leaders in the Charismatic Movement and promoted by Christian missionaries throughout the world, sometimes leading to the establishment of mega-churches. Prominent leaders in the development of prosperity theology include E. W. Kenyon, Oral Roberts, TD Jakes, A. A. Allen, Robert Tilton, T. L. Osborn, Joel Osteen, Creflo Dollar, Kenneth Copeland, Reverend Ike and Kenneth Hagin.

The Four Square Movement

- The **International Church of the Foursquare Gospel**, commonly referred to as the **Foursquare Church**, is a Protestant evangelical Pentecostal Christian denomination founded in 1923 by preacher Aimee Semple McPherson.
- The church's name refers to the four-fold ministry of Jesus Christ as Savior, Baptizer with the Holy Spirit, Healer, and Soon-coming King.

Full Gospel

The term **Full Gospel** is often used as a synonym for Pentecostalism and Charismatic Christianity, Protestant movements originating in the 19th century. Early Pentecostals and Charismatics saw their teachings on baptism with the Holy Spirit, spiritual gifts, and divine healing as a return to the doctrines and power of the Apostolic Age. Because of this many early Pentecostals and Charismatics call their movement the Apostolic Faith or the Full Gospel.

This term has origins in the holiness movement. A. B. Simpson, the founder of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, framed his core beliefs around the "Fourfold Gospel", that Christ is Savior, Sanctifier, Healer, and Soon Coming King. Many Pentecostals were influenced by Simpson and adopted his Fourfold or "Foursquare" Gospel as an articulation of their beliefs. This term is still used today in the name of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel.

Parachurch Organizations

- Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship founded in 1952 at Clifton's Cafeteria in Los Angeles by Demos Shakarian,
- Women's Aglow began in 1967 with four women who expressed a desire to meet together as Christians without denominational boundaries. The four women were wives of members of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International. The women wanted a similar women's devotional association, "one where 'those coming into the charismatic renewal could meet to pray, fellowship, and listen to the testimonies of other Christian women.' In a few months the women had formed the Full Gospel Women's Fellowship which spread rapidly."

Apostolic/Prophetic Movement

The **Apostolic-Prophetic Movement** in Charismatic Christianity is seen by its participants as a restoration of the neglected elements of the Five-Fold Ministry described in the New Testament book of Ephesians: "some apostles, and some prophets; and some evangelists; and some pastors and teachers; for the equipping of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ." This movement is rooted in the Third Wave Charismatic or Pentecostal experience.

Kansas City Prophets

Some of those who shaped the current Apostolic-Prophetic Movement in the United States were based in Kansas City, Missouri and became known as the "Kansas City Prophets". Members of this group were Bill Hamon, Rick Joyner, Larry Randolph, Paul Cain, Mike Bickle, James Goll, John Paul Jackson, and Lou Engle. Cain had participated in the Voice of Healing Revival initiated by William Branham during the 1950s. The Kansas City Prophets continue to be active in ministry throughout North America and are often seen and heard as speakers at charismatic Christian conferences and meetings.

The Fifth Great Awakening

- May already be sweeping Africa, Asia and Latin America
- “Woodlawn” movie intended to spark revival
- “The War Room” is a call to prayer

Church Vs State

Even though Kentucky County Clerk Kim Davis spent five days in jail for refusing to authorize same-sex marriage certificates, a simple change by the state's new governor showed that both sides of the debate can get what they want.

Republican Gov. Matt Bevin announced that the state will no longer require county clerks' signatures to be present on valid marriage licenses. This means that same-sex couples will continue to be able to get a marriage license in Kentucky and clerks with religious objections, like Davis, will not be required to sign or authorize the license.

Read more at <http://www.christianpost.com/news/kim-davis-christian-marriage-accommodated-kentucky-153305/#PrAdeFkf1y56gc3m.99>

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Joel 2:28-32

28 “And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh;

Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams,

Your young men shall see visions.

29 And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

30 “And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke.

31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood,

Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord.

32 And it shall come to pass *That* whoever calls on the name of the Lord

Shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance,

As the Lord has said, Among the remnant whom the Lord calls.

My Great Awakening

- Encountered the Charismatic Renewal at Wheaton College in 1966 but did not join it
- 1977 Born again and baptized
- Hands laid on by Jim Bruner, Spirit filled Methodist
- Filled with the Holy Spirit and received gift of tongues in an upstairs bedroom as I listened to Jimmy Swaggart describe the resurrected Jesus in Revelation 1
- Continue to learn and operate in the gifts of the Spirit

Ephesians 5:15-21

15 See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, **16** redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

17 Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord *is*. **18** And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, **19** speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, **20** giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, **21** submitting to one another in the fear of God.

Obstacles

- Cessationism—spiritual gifts ceased with the last apostle and completion of New Testament
- Supersessionism—Replacement Theology: the church has replaced the Jews as God's chosen people and the New Covenant has replaced the Mosaic Covenant
- Preterism—all or most of Bible prophecy was fulfilled by AD 70

Cessationism

- Spiritual gifts ceased with the last apostle and completion of New Testament
- Based on various Church Fathers and 1 Corinthians 8— Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. **9** For we know in part and we prophesy in part. **10** But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

Supersessionism

- Replacement Theology: the church has replaced the Jews as God's chosen people and the New Covenant has replaced the Mosaic Covenant
- Based on both Catholic and Protestant views

Preterism

- All or most of Bible prophecy was fulfilled by AD 70
- Based on Catholic doctrine
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How can these views obstruct?

- Can tend to favor some scripture passages over others
- Can elevate Certain Christian writers/leaders to almost cult status thus dividing the church
- Can hint that covenants and promises may change
- Can encourage passive view of life in the Spirit
- Can lead to spiritual pride

Cessationism

- Spiritual gifts have ceased and those who claim to have them are deceived by the devil or dabbling in the occult
- Causes division among believers

Supersessionism

- Antisemitic
- Pride in the church

Preterism

- Disregard of current signs of the times
- Apathy toward the Lord's coming

Seek God the Giver

Keep Asking, Seeking, Knocking

Luke 11

9 “So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

10 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. 11 If a son asks for bread[d] from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if *he asks* for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”**