
NOTES

Introduction: The Crossroads of Your Crisis

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Step One: Decide to Let God Birth Fresh CONVICTION

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have been given for “times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.” Clearly, in context, this was a call to salvation to the lost Jews, not a teaching on revival for the church. Some view this as a reference to the future millennium. At best, it could be viewed as a description of the “cooling off that comes from blowing, like the refreshment of a cool breeze” (the literal meaning) that comes with salvation, along with the forgiveness and cleansing that Peter references in this evangelistic sermon. We might say that “the presence of the Lord” referenced here is always a source of “refreshing.” If so, there must be the reality of the indwelling Holy Spirit, according to the new covenant.

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