

‘God Is Not Done With America’: Thousands Baptized as Nation Prepares for Pentecost Outpouring

On May 3, more than 7,700 people made a bold public declaration of faith in Jesus Christ along the shores of Huntington Beach. The massive baptism event, organized by Baptize California—soon to become Baptize America—brought together around 30,000 people and over 500 churches to worship and witness God’s transforming power.

This wasn’t just a gathering. It was a preview of what’s to come.

On June 8, Pentecost Sunday, Baptize America is planning what they believe could be “the largest day of water baptism in world history.” Hundreds of churches across the nation will take part in fulfilling the Great Commission.

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For Pastor Mark Francey of Oceans Church in Orange County, the vision is clear: “God is not done with America, and we are convinced if we can unite the church and turn fully back to Jesus, He will heal our land.”

That healing is happening, one soul at a time.

Francey recalled what he witnessed on May 3: “I saw homeless people...people in wheelchairs that [got] pushed to the

sand...old, young, all different ethnicities, all different political persuasions. It was a beautiful thing to see what Jesus did at the beach the other day.”

It’s no coincidence that this national moment of revival is planned for Pentecost Sunday—a day that marks the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, a time of God’s goodness, grace, love and mercy. Pentecost isn’t just a historical moment; it’s a living promise that God still moves, heals and saves.

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Since launching two years ago, Baptize SoCal has already baptized nearly 24,000 people. “The main reason why we did this event in California a month early,” said Francey, “is so that all of the momentum from people getting excited about what God’s doing in California would actually transfer into local churches...all over America.”

That momentum isn’t just staying on the West Coast. Baptize America’s website boldly declares: “If God can do it in California, He can do it in any state. And if He can do it in America, He can do it in any other nation in the world.”

The spark of revival is also lighting up college campuses.

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Unite US, which began as Unite Auburn in 2023, has seen gospel-sharing events and mass baptisms sweep across schools like Tennessee and Texas A&M.

“I believe that America is set for the greatest revival our nation has ever seen,” said Unite US founder Tonya Prewett. “I believe it’s starting with college students, and the hunger and the fire that we’re seeing...is just taking off. It’s a

movement.”

This Pentecost, churches from more than 100 denominations will join hands, hearts and waters in unity. As Baptize America puts it, the time is now—because God is still pouring out His Spirit, and America is choosing Him.

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‘The Rain Is Coming’: Be Prepared for God’s Outpouring

Pastor Tom Hughes continues to walk his audience through current events by comparing them directly to Scripture.

In his recent Today In Prophecy episode, Hughes points to news out of the Vatican, Iran and Israel as evidence that biblical prophecy is unfolding and that believers need to remain discerning. “We have the prophetic word confirmed which you do well to heed as a light that shines in the darkness until that day,” Hughes said, quoting 2 Peter 1. “Holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.”

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Hughes discussed President Trump’s announcement that the Vatican is “very interested in hosting peace talks between Russia and Ukraine.” Trump also extended an invitation to the new pope, Leo XIV—a Chicago native—to visit the White House. “You have an American pope and you have Trump in the White House,” Hughes said. “I probably should have saved this for a ‘you can’t make this up’ episode.”

He then shifted to Iran's refusal to halt its uranium enrichment efforts. "I think of Jeremiah chapter 49 and it appears to me that Elam is going to be hit and hit hard by a military strike," Hughes said. "Will the U.S. be involved with Israel? Is that going to come?"

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The focus turned to growing pressure against Israel from the U.K., Canada and France. Those countries have threatened sanctions over Israel's continued operations in Gaza. Hughes pushed back against the criticism: "Ninety thousand Muslims that are slaughtering others in Sudan and nobody says anything about that, right? Let's just come against Israel for protecting themselves."

Hughes read Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's statement in response to Western leaders: "This is a war of civilization over barbarism ... Israel will continue to defend itself by just means until total victory is achieved."

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As political pressure mounts, Hughes warned that there are consequences for opposing God's covenant people. "Judgment is coming to all those who turned against the land of Israel," he said.

Hughes urges viewers to stay grounded in Scripture. "Don't turn to the left or the right," he says. "We use that bright light of the Word to shine on the path in this dark world."

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Spiritual Portals Are Real: How Worship Shifts Atmospheres and Shuts Demons Out

For many believers, prayer feels more like a spiritual chore than a life-giving encounter. But Pastor Chris Garcia says the problem isn't prayer, it's how we view it.

"So many people, they feel like, you know, prayer is something you owe to God instead of looking at it like a deposit," Garcia said during a recent interview. "Prayer is so important because that's where the deposit happens."

Garcia, leader of the Fresh Oil ministry, centers his work around contemplative prayer—what he calls "just simply being still with the presence of God to get to know Him."

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He's clear that this form of prayer isn't about performance or emotional highs. "The contemplative specifically—that type of prayer—is where the deposit happens, where the healing happens, the deliverance happens."

Garcia recalled deeply personal moments where the presence of the Holy Spirit was so tangible, it changed his entire

approach to prayer. "As I walk and I stand up and I go into the living room, it was like the presence of the Holy Spirit was like it became the room," he said. "It was like palpable and weighty glory. I almost was afraid to, like, even look up."

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But it's not always a rush of divine feeling. Sometimes it's silence. Stillness. Even waiting.

"It wasn't like I was feeling the presence," Garcia shared. "I was just waiting there. And it got to a point where it was like awkward, just, waiting. And then all of a sudden on the stream this one kid comes in, 'God, please forgive me of my sins. I repent.' ... Then another one. And it turned into like 30, 40, 50 people repenting."

Garcia stresses that being in God's presence isn't about checking boxes—it's about encountering a Person.

"Surely there's something else," Garcia remembered saying during one of these moments of silence with the Lord. "And He's like, 'Be with Me. Let Me be with you.' And I'm there and I'm just like—tears are streaming down my face."

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The takeaway? True prayer is not about doing more. It's about abiding.

"If you want to be a vessel of power, you've got to learn to habitate in sitting with Him," Garcia said. "We cheat on God with the stuff He gives us all the time. We're so busy looking at His hands that we miss His face."

For those struggling to connect in prayer, Garcia offers this

simple encouragement: “Just start praying. That’s step one. God will meet you where you are.”

And in that stillness, everything changes.

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Prophetic Warning: The Global Agenda They Don’t Want You to See

In a recent segment of The 700 Club, Gordon Robertson offered a deeply encouraging and biblically grounded response to a viewer named BJ, who asked how to grow in intimacy with the Holy Spirit.

What followed was not a formula, but a freeing reminder that true intimacy with God cannot be earned—it’s a gift received.

“I think you’re trying to earn a relationship with God,” Robertson said gently, identifying a common misconception among sincere believers.

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BJ had written in to say they pray, study the Word daily and fast every other day—spiritual disciplines many would admire. But Robertson pointed to something deeper. “Are you projecting onto God a relationship that you may have had with a parent? Either you were trying to impress them or ‘here’s what I’m doing for you and therefore you should return that love.’”

Robertson emphasized that God's love isn't transactional. "If you want intimacy in a relationship, realize you cannot possibly earn it. It's not based at all on how much you tithe or how much you fast or how much you read the Bible... It's based on are you seeking that intimacy with all of your heart."

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He then anchored his encouragement in Scripture, quoting Jeremiah 29:11-13:

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord... you will call on me and come and pray to me and I will listen to you... you will seek me and find me when you seek me with all of your heart."

Robertson concluded, "If you want intimacy with God, use all of your heart. If you're not getting that, then start examining what part of my heart am I leaving behind. Again, you cannot earn it. It's a free gift and it comes when you seek it with all of your being."

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This message is a timely reminder for every believer: our walk with the Holy Spirit is not a merit-based relationship. It is rooted in God's grace and our honest, wholehearted seeking. We live in a culture driven by performance and checklists, but the Lord calls us not to strive, but to abide.

So take heart, He is not waiting for your perfection, but for your presence.

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Are You Taking the Bait? The Truth About Satan's Trap for Christians

Apostle John Eckhardt is urging believers to recognize and reject one of Satan's most effective spiritual traps: offense.

Teaching from the best-selling book *The Bait of Satan* by John Bevere, Eckhardt shared how this powerful work exposed the hidden dangers of harboring bitterness and unforgiveness.

"The central message of *The Bait of Satan* is that offense is one of the primary weapons Satan uses to divide, isolate, and ultimately destroy believers," Eckhardt said.

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During his livestream message, Eckhardt emphasized that offense is more than a mere emotional reaction—it's a spiritual snare. "When we take the bait of offense, we step into a trap that can harden our hearts, hinder our prayers, rob us of joy, and block spiritual growth," he said.

Referencing Luke 17:1 and Proverbs 18:19, Eckhardt underscored that offense is not only inevitable, but dangerous: "It is impossible that no offenses shall come... a brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city."

He explained the Greek word for offense, *scandalon*, means "the

bait stick of a trap,” revealing just how calculated Satan’s strategy is. “Offense leads to resentment, bitterness, and ultimately bondage,” he warned.

Eckhardt also pointed to Matthew 24:10 as a sobering prophetic indicator of the times: “Many will be offended, betray one another, and hate one another.”

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But there is a path to freedom, he said—through forgiveness and maturity. “Unforgiveness imprisons us, not the one who wronged us,” Eckhardt declared. “Forgiveness is not a feeling; it is a decision.”

He reminded believers that bitterness not only damages relationships but can open the door to physical affliction. “Bitterness leads to sickness and infirmity,” he said, highlighting God’s identity as Jehovah Rapha, the healer, who revealed Himself at the bitter waters of Mara.

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Ultimately, maturity is the key to escaping the cycle of offense. “Mature believers are unoffendable,” Eckhardt said. “They prioritize unity and humility. God uses offense to purify motives and produce Christlike character.”

He challenged the audience to examine their hearts and take authority over bitterness. “I will not take the bait of Satan,” Eckhardt urged believers to declare. “I choose to forgive, release and bless. I am free from offense, and I walk in love.”

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Jonathan Cahn Reveals the Key to End Times Prophecy