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**PENTECOSTALISM  
REVIVAL OR  
END TIME  
*DELUSION?***

# The Pentecostalism Lie

Pentecost was a beacon in the history of the Elect. The culmination of the promises to Abraham and all the Gentiles that through Abraham and his offspring all the nations of the earth would be blessed.

Ge 18:18 Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

At Pentecost (Acts 2) the New Testament Church was born the purpose for which was declared by God's herald John:

Joh 3:29 He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled.

And confirmed by Jesus

Matt 9:14 ¶ Then came to him the disciples of John, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but thy disciples fast not?

15 And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bride chamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast.

The Gospel is so simple. God's plan of Salvation is clearly understandable. The problem that arises comes as a result of men who listen to the whispered voice "Hath God said?" and the logical arguments that inevitably follow.

Thus it is with all the "isms" Calvinism, Seventhday Adventism, Catholicism, Pentecostalism, Judaism etc. etc. All of which comprise the God's words plus! The Bible plus the doctrines of men.

Pentecostalism has a spiritual sounding name - and it IS spiritual. What it is not is doctrinally sound in the terms of New Testament Doctrine. There may have been some excuse for the Corinthians who got it wrong because they did not have the whole New Testament in writing yet. But there is no excuse for us today because we have the whole New Testament complete, perfect.

The perfect is come (1Co 13:10) the question is will we receive it and act accordingly, or will we try to turn it around to suit our fancy and especially that of our peers. As for me, my course is set and to echo queen Esther "If I perish I perish!" (Es 4:16)

The lie of Pentecostalism is that every believer **must claim gifts from the Holy Spirit**, gifts that he has not given and has declared in the written Word that he has specifically stated, will not be given to every one, notably but not only the gift of Tongues. Carefully read 1Corinthians 12. Note especially verse 11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, **dividing to every man severally as he will**.

When men superimpose their own will over the will of God disaster is inevitable. This is evident in the carnal fruit of the movement.

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# **Dedication**

To  
my Sons David, Stephen and Johnny

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# Foreword

Just the title should give a clue that the writer of this work has a view that the availability the Gifts of the Holy spirit are, at least in some respects, different today than they were in the days of the Acts of the Apostles simply because some gifts had an expiry date.

The aim of this exercise is to clarify, from the Bible, the number, character and application of the Holy Spirit's gifts active in our present day.

Eph 4:8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?

10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

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# Introduction

There is a pressing need today for the genuine believer to understand how to discern and separate truth from error in the ever increasingly confusing, evangelical church scene. Churches are split and individual families are divided too when sincere Christians search to receive a "second blessing." Many preachers and teachers tell us that this is the norm for the believer. If we haven't received the fullness of the Holy Spirit, a "second blessing," accompanied sometimes by the ecstatic utterance of tongues, prophesy, words of knowledge, healing by laying on of hands etc. then we probably are not even saved!

You would not be reading this if you were not interested in pursuing after God's best for your Christian life. The purpose of this work is to discover what God's word teaches concerning the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer.

Ro 8:9 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. ***Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.***

10 ¶ And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

14 ***For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.***

Ga 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

## TO SUM UP

The aim in this writing is not to delete or diminish the importance of the gift and gifts of the Holy Spirit, but to quench and deflect the fiery darts of the enemy who is running his counterfeiting presses 24 -7 producing his own fiat currency to devalue and bring to nought the "Gold of God" (Re 3:18 )

Don't settle for counterfeits. Prayerfully read God's Preserved word the KJV Bible. Where it seems to contradict what YOU believe - dump your counterfeit and buy Gold against the day of the Judgement Day Crash! [Table Of Contents](#)

# Chapter 1 Subtle False Doctrine Of The "Second Blessing"

As I said, this is not by any means an attempt to denigrate the wonderful blessings of God the Holy Spirit our ever present Helper Comforter and Guide. The word of God is clear on every issue of doctrine. It is the selfish sinful nature of men that will twist and manipulate the truth, sometime ever so slightly to make God's word fit their understanding (spin) and or experience.

The second blessing is taught as something that is to be sought after to complete our conversion experience. Not to have received the "second blessing", supposedly, makes us somehow deficient or second rate Christians

Multitudes are believing this lie. The largest and fastest growing churches on Planet Earth are being built on the strength of this, blurring the lines of truth. An example is the doctrine of A.B Simpson and A.W Tozer whose teaching is mid way between the Pentecostal/Charismatic and the conservative Evangelical Churches.

[A.B.Simpson](#) and the more widely known A.W. [Tozer](#), both espouse a filling with the Holy Spirit subsequent to conversion.

Tozer [Tozer/Simson Edu.](#) says:

It is the will of God that each believer should be filled with the Holy Spirit and be sanctified wholly, being separated from sin and the world and fully dedicated to the will of God, thereby receiving power for holy living and effective service. This is both a crisis and a progressive experience wrought in the life of the believer subsequent to conversion. (1 Thessalonians 5:23, Acts 1:8, ] Romans 6:1–14)

[emphasis mine]

The Bible however teaches that the baptism/filling with the Holy Spirit is an initiating event in the life of the believer.

## **FULL COMMITMENT MARKS THE BELIEVER'S BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT**

The Apostle Paul teaches the receiving or filling of the Holy Spirit accompanying Conversion.

Ac 19:2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aorist\\_\(Ancient\\_Greek\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aorist_(Ancient_Greek))

The word "since" in English can mean "seeing that" or "now that." The context of Paul's interview with these converts of Apollos indicates that because they had believed and been baptised he therefore expected that they would have received or been baptised in the Holy Spirit. Hence his question in Acts 19:3 *And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.*

The real issue here was not the mode of baptism but the quality of their commitment. John's baptism was an initiation to repentance, Jesus baptism is an initiation into Christ - full commitment to the Lordship of Jesus. Ac2:5 *When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.*

The question of the role of Pauls' laying on of hands in conjunction with this water baptism in the



Name of Jesus is another question which we will not address here. The fact of their receiving the Holy Spirit is clearly linked to the event of their proper understanding of the doctrine of salvation and commitment to Christ (commitment) in baptism. The result is recorded in verse 6...*they spake with tongues, and **prophesied**.*

Since this event is in the context of the manifestation of of the Holy Spirit in the gospel of the early Church we can safely assume that **prophesying** equated to the original outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2:11 i.e. **preaching in tongues** that was understood by the hearers.

The gnarley question for the sincere disciple of Jesus Christ is this; if Spiritual Giants like Tozer and Simpson (and they are spiritually awesome) can get a fuzzy understanding of so critical an issue of doctrine, what chance has does the "ordinary" believer have to understand without being open to deception? [Note that there are none who are "ordinary" in God's sight but we **all** start out our Christian walk as "babes" in understanding.]

When I was being examined by the Ordination Committee of the Christian and Missionary Alliance of Australia I was seriously challenged on this very point because there I maintained that I was filled with the Holy Spirit at the time I was saved. After a challenging discussion I made it clear that in my understanding and experience, that no unsaved person can be filled with or baptised in the Holy Spirit, but that, the sanctification of the believer must take place first through faith in Jesus Christ (Romans 10:9,10). (cf. Mt 9:17). That being said many experience step 1)conversion step 2) filling with the Holy Spirit in such a short space of time as to be apparently instantaneous. For others it is as Tozer said (above) *progressive experience*. The issue I would have with his full statement is that the "progression" is before commitment and thus before Holy Spirit baptism or infilling. A person may be devoutly "religious" or a **believer** but not yet fully **committed**.

So you see, from the individual's perspective, though there is a difference between saying a heartfelt "Yes Lord I want this!" (conversion) and "Yes Lord I will come totally into your will for me!" (commitment) For me these two positions were two years apart, for others they have been an almost instantaneous double event. After **commitment** the Holy Spirit is free to fill us and sanctify us (sweep and clean our house).

The account of Charles and John Wesley's conversion confirms this scenario...

The Moravian Peter Bohler was leading a regular meeting in London's Fetter Lane. Dallimore writes, 'Charles and John were in almost daily contact with Bohler.'

He asked Charles 'Do you hope to be saved? He replied, 'I do!'

'For what reason do you hope it?' 'Because I have used my best endeavours to serve God.'

Charles reports, 'He shook his head, and said no more. I thought him very uncharitable, saying in my heart, 'What, are not my endeavours sufficient ground of hope? Would he rob me of my endeavours? I have nothing else to trust to.' (Arnold Dallimore, Charles Wesley, Crossway, p.58-59)

Charles had discovered the vital doctrine of justification by faith in Christ alone as he read Martin Luther's commentary on Galatians.

...on Pentecost Sunday

‘21 May was Pentecost Sunday...[and] the day of Charles Wesley’s conversion.’ Charles said he felt the Spirit of God striving with his spirit ‘till by degrees He chased away the darkness of my unbelief. I found myself convinced...I now found myself at peace with God, and rejoiced in hope of loving Christ.’

John, in his Journal records on that day, ‘I received the surprising news that my brother had found rest to his soul.’

Indeed, Charles wrote: ‘I was in a new heaven and a new earth!’ (See Dallimore, p.61-62)

John Wesley’s ‘heart strangely warmed’

Finally, three days later, at one of the Moravian meetings in Aldersgate Street, John Wesley got his breakthrough. He had already discussed Justification by faith with Peter Bohler, but this was different.

At 34 years of age (more than ten years older than Whitefield) he was finally born again.

He wrote in his journal:

‘In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther’s preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed.

I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given to me that he had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death.’ (John Wesley Journal, May 24th 1738, Vol. 1. p.103)

After this Wesley followed Whitefield’s example and began preaching both justification by faith and the new birth in the churches. And one by one, the Anglican church leaders resisted him. ...

Truncated from website [Wesley Brothers Conversion](#)

Susanna Wesley gives this account:

In October, 1735, John and Charles Wesley took a ship from England to travel to the state of Georgia as missionaries. During their third month at sea their ship, the Simonds, was caught in a terrible storm. At one point the sea broke over the ship, split the main-sail in pieces, covered the ship, and poured in between the decks. A terrible screaming began among the English, but the Moravian Christians on board calmly sang hymns and prayed.

The behavior of the Moravians so impressed John Wesley that he approached a Mr. Spangenberg, one of the Moravian pastors, and questioned him about the serenity of his people. "In reply the pastor said, 'My brother, I must first ask you one or two questions. Have you the witness within yourself? ***Does the Spirit of God bear witness with your spirit that you are a child of God?***'"

Numbed by the question, Wesley remained silent. "Then Spangenberg had another question. "Do you know Jesus Christ?' 'I know that He is the Saviour of the world,' replied John after a pause. 'True,' replied the German. 'But do you know that he has saved you?' . . . Finally, John Wesley gulped, 'I hope . . . He . . . died to save me.' But his words had a doubtful ring in them." The above was taken from the book "Susanna Wesley", by Charles Ludwig, pgs. 170-72. (emphasis mine) [Susanna Wesley](#)

The question for my readers is this, "Are you in the struggle or at rest, in assurance of your salvation?" go to Romans 10:9,10 and resolve the issue NOW! For all eternity!

Because we "THINK" we are Christians, when finally we give the Lord Jesus total possession of our soul, our innermost being, our precious will, the Holy spirit can totally possess and direct us. In my own case I discovered these notable things happen to me after I really gave my life to Christ:

1) I immediately had healing of addiction, 2) I had boldness to witness to my work fellows, 3) I began to have real victory over sin, 4) I could read my King James Bible and actually understand it. There was a clear change in my life that I had been trying to bring about by my own strength and failing for years.

Was this a "second blessing" two years before I became aware of God's call on my life - now I was born again. This was my first blessing before this I had no power and no assurance, now I knew that if I died I would be in the presence of Jesus not in the company of the Devil. [Table Of Contents](#)

## Chapter 2 Buy of Me Gold!

Re 3:18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

Ps 12:6 The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

The Preserved word of God attacked and vilified through the ages is the word of the Holy Spirit the Son and the Father given to us by the Holy Spirit

2Pe 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

2Ti 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

All the genuine prophet (preacher) of righteousness, does thinks and says must conform to that "gold standard" of the Christian faith as described in the KJV.

## Holy Spirit Given Gifts

### UNANIMITY IN THE GODHEAD

Means that there will be divine consensus in the giving receiving and operating of the gifts of the Holy Spirit (God)

We are not going into a discussion of the Bible veracity of the Trinity but will assume that you have read the defence of the Johannine Comma 1 John 5:7. Call me a Ruckmanite if you will the Lord Jesus knows that I am a Jesus Christ-ite and He will give testimony on "that day" Don't know what I am on about? Read web file here: [Johannine Comma](#)

Joh 10:30 *I and my Father are one.*

Joh 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but *whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak*: and he will shew you things to come.

1Cor 2:11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so *the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.*

Jesus said Joh 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but *if I depart, I will send him unto you.*

Lu 11:9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. (read the context in vss 10-12)

Lu 11:13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: *how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?*

Now the Comforter has come!

Eph 4:8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?

10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

11 And he gave some, (1) apostles; and some, (2) prophets; and some, (3) evangelists; and some, (4) pastors and (4b) teachers;

12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

14 ***That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine,*** by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, ***maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.***

[brackets on numbers mine]

To the backsliding Corinthian church Paul the Apostle taught God's order of the gifts to the Church:

1Co 12:20 But now are they many members, yet but one body.

1Co 12:28 And God hath set some in the church, (1) first apostles, (2) secondarily prophets, thirdly (3) teachers, after that (4) miracles, then gifts of (5) healings, (6) helps, (7) governments, (8) diversities of tongues. [brackets mine]

Rom 12:4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:

5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

7 Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;

8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

9 Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

13 Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.

14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

15 Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

17 Recomense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

Prophecy is one of the the gift-ministries of "the spirit." most vulnerable to error. (Note the intentional non-use of capitalisation.) Just as a person "speaking in tongues with interpretation" can inject erroneous and fleshly ideas to mislead the hearers, so also can preachers of false gospels.

The intention of God is always to convey truth through preaching and teaching and the word is adamant against those who abuse this ministry Tit 3:10; De 18:20.

Strong's enumerates the meanings of the word προφητεια propheteia translated in English "prophecy" like this:

- 1) prophecy
  - 1a) a discourse emanating from divine inspiration and declaring the purposes of God, whether by reproof and admonishing the wicked, or comforting the afflicted, or revealing things hidden; esp. by foretelling future events
  - 1b) Used in the NT of the utterance of OT prophets
    - 1b1) of the prediction of events relating to Christ's kingdom and its speedy triumph, together with the consolations and admonitions pertaining to it, the spirit of prophecy, the divine mind, to which the prophetic faculty is due
    - 1b2) of the endowment and speech of the Christian teachers called prophets
    - 1b3) the gifts and utterances of these prophets, esp. of the predictions of the works of which, set apart to teach the gospel, will accomplish for the kingdom of Christ

Many in churches of all denominations today are blind with the blindness that smote the Pharisees and Sadducees. A spiritual blindness that is brought on by the inability to see Truth through the cataracts drawn across the eyes by the delicious milky haze of false doctrine.

Our pre suppositions are almost always built on false doctrine ideas that are "warm and fuzzy" to us shared by people we respect. Always our faith must be built on the Preserved word of God. *For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.* ( Ro 4:3)

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## Chapter 3 Are All the Gifts Still Current?

Enthusiasts quote *Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever*: Heb 13:8 as if that explains everything Heb 13:8 of course is absolutely true but having said that what is different is not the power of Jesus, but the time in which we live.

The way Jehovah (Jesus at His coming) interfaced with believers before the flood was premised on His teaching of them, relating to blood sacrifice communicating grace in prospect, of His (Jesus') coming sacrifice as the Seed of the woman.

After the flood and the calling of Abraham Isaac and Jacob His elect were a nation called Israel and God communicated His grace through the *shadow of heavenly things*. This "shadow" till then prospective redemption in the sacrifice of Christ.

Heb 8:5 Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.

Later the reality was faithfully enacted on Calvary and through the death burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit was given at Pentecost and the Church was born, first of Jews, then including Gentiles.

### TONGUES AND MIRACLE GIFTS

Some of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit were specifically promised to Israel (Jews), a powerful statement of God considering their rejection of Messiah and His promise to send a Comforter to His Jewish disciples.

These "sign gifts" included Speaking with other tongues, healing, miracles, and especially prophetic utterance, words of knowledge, foretelling and forth-telling.

Specifically addressed:

- 1) The need to endorse the inclusion of the Gentiles as Elect of God together with the Hebrews.
- 2) The endorsement of the twelve Apostles see Rev 21:9-14 as foundation to the Bride of Christ.
- 3) The writing and collation of the New Testament of God

Any learned believer can see at a glance that these gifts of the Holy Spirit would not be needed after they had served their purpose, initiating the New Testament, hence:

1Co 13:8 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

After 70 A.D. and the dispersion of Israel the promise of Acts 2:16,17; Isa 28:11,12 the promise of tongues for verification of Israel's challenge was past

After 90 A.D. and the New testament was committed to writing (though not collated until later) the need for prophetic utterance and knowledge had vanished away.

So the short answer to the Question on this chapter is: "No not all of the gifts of the Holy Spirit are applicable to the Church today." Nor are they legitimately available today.

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## Chapter 4 Please Explain Continuing Of 'Failed' And 'Vanished' Gifts In The "Spirit Filled" Churches.

Seeing is not believing! That old adage is false according to the Bible:

Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

and

Ro 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

..*ipso facto* **believing** is seeing when it comes to knowing the Almighty.

So you see it is back to the Bible again! EVERYTHING MUST BE TESTED BY THE WORDS OF THE APOSTLES 1Jo 4:1-6 (the New Testament). WHAT GOD SAID not what we wish He said or thought he might have said or what some prophet or Bible teacher said that He said!

Over the years I have had many a pastor say to me in relation to another "O yes he's a "spirit-filled" preacher and has "spirit-filled" church." In this I AM NOT DENIGRATING the Bible definition of "Spirit -filled" I personally believe that God still speaks to individual believers and performs miracles affecting their lives and those with whom they interact But this is not the same as Pentecost in Acts 2.

However most if not all Pentecostal/Charismatic people are loathe to try the spirits. "Oh no!" they say, "Doubt quenches the Holy Spirit and prevents His working!" This is a lie to support deception because the Bible **commands** us to try or test the spirits (1Jo 4:1-6) To fail to obey this command is to invite deception by our own disobedience! [*see the description of Lucifer depicted as "the wicked" in Psa 10:2-11*]

While the Assemblies of God declared the Latter Rain Movement heretical [[Latter Rain](#)] the actual idea is held by many Pentecostals that God is going to perform miracles and bring an outpouring of the Holy Spirit before Jesus returns. A return they think, to New Testament revival in the Church. It is true that many individuals are responding to the knocking of the Holy Spirit at the door of our Laodicean church(es) today But the Bible proclaims a different scenario than the Pentecostal one, in 2Thess 2

2Th 2:3 **Let no man deceive you** by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

Notice three things relating to this scripture.

- 1) there will come falling away first - **not** a revival
- 2) The man of sin (antichrist) will be revealed NOT DETECTED! Many today think they have detected the future antichrist in the world today - when he is revealed there will be no room for mistaken identity, though there have been many antichrists since the New Testament was written.
- 3) the phrase "falling away" indicates that these were once in a place of fellowship with God.

More than ever as we approach the time of the Lord's appearing we need to *try the spirits of the prophets* who are bombarding the churches continually with false signs wonders and miracles.

## ON SPIRIT QUENCHING.

Many spirits need quenching today. Bible for that?

Mt 7:22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

In the Greek of the New Testament *wonderful works* is *dunamis* δυνάμις. If you have read this far I probably do not have to explain that this word is the same as is used in:

Ac 19:11 And God wrought special miracles *dunamis* δυνάμις by the hands of Paul:

And in many other New Testament works and wonders of the early Church.

While the church is not able to tell the difference *Jesus is!* and he sent the Church the Holy Spirit (His abiding Presence) to give us the ability to discern these things. It needs Spirit given boldness *dunamis* to say with Jesus, *I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity* (Mt 7:23). Remember that discerning of spirits is a legitimate gift of the Spirit. Acknowledged in Charismatic circles but never exercised against a tongues speaking, healing, word of knowledge speaking preacher man or woman. Not that I have seen? Have you?

## WHAT HAS CHANGED?

I hear all my Charismatic/Pentecostal friends chiming in...

Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Get a grip, this is quoted way out of context, the Holy Scripture here in Hebrews is dealing with doctrines of religion not spiritual gifts, the very next verse puts this verse in context

Heb 13:9 Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established *with grace; not with meats*, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever. BUT HUMANS ARE NOT! Salvation is still by faith in God's promise, not by "meats" - i.e. works. Our *needs* change and God's word has that covered.

1Co 13:8 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

We do not need an Apostle today to give us a word from God so spirit-spoken prophecies fail like water in a dry well. Tongues "ceased" since the sign given to the Jews was not taken. Knowledge disappeared since every believer has the Holy Spirit to reveal the understanding needed to know what God said to the Apostles. It is all *there* for us in writing now that the Bible has been completed [perfect].

All the groundwork has been laid now for the believer who conscientiously reads and believes God's written word to be led of the Spirit.

Ro 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

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## Chapter 5 Exceptions To The Rule

Still there are "Christian Churches" that seem to manifest all the ceased Charismatic gifts of the Spirit?

How can we explain the ongoing miracles in the Church today? Though they are far fewer than touted by Benny, Oral, Kenneth, Gloria, Kathryn *et al.* Never forget that God is sovereign and He can choose to work at any time and in any place with men who have faith in Him and His word.

Though Jesus was sent to the lost sheep of Israel, nevertheless He healed the Gentile centurion's servant Luke 7, Jesus praised his faith by saying, *I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.* The deciding factor was not whether this man fitted into God's stated dispensation of working at that time, but the man's unfaltering faith in Jesus' ability to perform a miracle in response to his faith.

There is no question that some of the gifts have passed their use-by date according to God's own word.

Tongues, (to call the Jews to attention) words of knowledge (to inform the church of God's wisdom), prophecies (plural as diverse from preaching which continues).

### Miracles Are Not Always From God

God's miracles still happen for me as recounted in [God's Wake-up Call](#) however miracles do not prove sound doctrine the opposite is true. Otherwise Catholic heresy is proved "true" [Youtube "Miracles"](#). Rather sound doctrine must be the proof of genuine miracles or prove them false. ***Rule: prove miracles by sound doctrine but never use miracles to prove a doctrine.***

Despite all of that it cannot be denied that God speaks to individuals to inform them of things that cannot be discerned solely from reading the Scriptures. Things like "Speak to that person and say this," or go there and you will find your keys etc. Once the Lord moved me to pray for our pet nanny goat that had become blind in one eye. Her eye was milky and she was turning her head to see on her blind side. I prayed for her in the name of Jesus to be healed and the next morning her eye was normal. We moved to another address a few days later and I looked and her eye was milky again. It took me aback more than when she was healed to begin with. Then it occurred to me that this was a spirit of doubt. Without thinking I spoke to the spirit responsible and rebuked it in the name of Jesus and immediately the eye became clear as the other.

This anecdote is very subjective and cannot be proved as with most miracles that are not verified by witnesses and doctors' examination, neither do I have a "gift of healing." I only share this to indicate that God is sovereign and where He chooses He works. We must get in line with ***His will*** never the reverse. *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.* (Ro 8:14) When we really do walk in the Spirit it is amazing where He leads us - I've found it so!

In every age God has performed miracles and does today, but that is no reason for us to begin a "Miracle Ministry" that day passed with the 12 Apostles. Those who preach a "latter rain" stretch the application of Scripture which gives no hint of this happening before Christ's return. The details of what happens after Christ's return are in the Post Church Age so we will have to wait and see - praise the Lord He has promised that we will if we believe in the death burial and resurrection of Jesus!

So we are left with a dilemma. We believe in a God of miracles. we also believe that the god of this world can counterfeit God's miracles. How in the world can we discern the difference?

### Psychic and Spiritual Phenomena

A lot of "spooky" things happen in Pentecostal/Charismatic meetings. The "pull" of spook phenomena is observable in the world, just Google the word "spook" and you will see that millions of people are

attracted by anything that is "spooky." It is this element that is responsible for the massive influx of members into Pentecostal/Charismatic Churches.

This growth is falsely reported as revival but it is far different from the genuine revivals of the past under Moody, Jonathan Edwards, John Wesley and some more recently which evidence brokenness before the Lord and a heightened sense of sinfulness and the need to for repentance and especially restitution.

Rev. Murray Downey lived through such a revival in Canada and recounted to us in meetings here in Australia how God moved the hearts of folk to bring them to repentance. Many were reconciled to God and each other. Many returned stolen articles to the shops the following day. Getting right with God and with their fellow man was the amazing testimony that God was at work. When God does it there is something righteous (clean) about what happens.

### [Revival Fellowship .com](http://RevivalFellowship.com)

What we see since the early 1900's and the "revival" so called at Azusa St is the hijacking of sincere believers who, yearning for revival and longing for God to do a "new thing" in their lives end up with a bogus bag of miracle healings, tongues and words of knowledge.

### [Current "revival" in Canada](#)

There were at least two meetings where there was no preaching. The revival did not stay confined to Saskatoon but, instead, many teams, in fact, over two thousand, came out from the revival. These teams ministered throughout Canada and the United States as well as internationally.

[Quoted from](#) Zion Christian Ministry

Oh? Ro 10:14 *How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? **and how shall they hear without a preacher?***

Why do genuine revivals "burn out after a while but the Pentecostal/Charismatic thing, deficient in Bible Teaching for the most part and de-emphasising "holiness," reveling in worldly fashion and music keeps on growing? Even in churches that once eschewed it!

There is a Bible text that may explain this:

Mt 7:13 Enter ye in at the strait [narrow] gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

If there is a large crowd in Church that is no reason to panic, but it is a good reason to try the spirits of the prophets that are drawing them. Do I have a "critical spirit?" Well if that is how we judge a critical spirit, it is based in scripture...1Jo 4:1 *Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God:*

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## Chapter 6 The Fruit Of The Tree

What does the Scripture teach what we should do to accurately discern these things in our day?

Jesus preached metaphorically and also prophetically. Keep in mind that a metaphor deals with a truth not a fiction:

Lu 3:9 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Lu 6:43 For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit

Jesus spoke about trees and fruit on these two occasions, these references show both a present and a future application of this truth.

The greatest "tell" (but not the only one) for discerning the fruit of the modern Pentecostal/Charismatic Church is its music. It is music that drives almost any movement stirring the soul of man to "commit" to the cause, whether its cause is constructive in a social movement or destructive as an army destroys with noise and violence.

It is music that allows the common man to have an individual contribution to the movement of the crowd. Music is less burdensome than prayer and is carried on the wave of euphoria that abandons all to feelings rather than using reason and logic. Music is popular. The Gospel is not popular (Mt 7:14). The Gospel divides (Mt 10:34-39) Music is ecumenical uniting its followers across almost all denominations Evangelical, Protestant and Catholic.

Evil music sets the mood for abandonment of sound doctrine in the cause of "love." Love that encompasses those who genuinely love God and His word, but also love homosexuals who "marry" each other and heretics who "murder" sound doctrine.

Does Frank Garlock "get it right" when he says: *music is not a-moral. Its character is moral.*

For a carefully reasoned rebuttal to Frank Garlock read Phil Christensen's page. This rebuttal has a Christian flavour and appeals to charismatic leaders but remember that the enemy is expert in quoting God's word to make a case for logic, and remember too that a deception sent by God (2Thess 2) will be so convincing as to deceive the very Elect ( God's chosen ones)

<http://www.philchristensen.com/subpage30.html>

Garlock puts all his theological eggs in one basket. The premise would make Francis Schaeffer spin in his grave: Garlock teaches plainly that music is not a-moral. Its character is moral.

What's the difference? A knife is a-moral. It's neither good, nor bad. Depending on who's holding that knife, it can do things that are either good or evil. It can accomplish good things by freeing the bonds of a captive, or slicing a tomato for a sandwich. But - in the hands of a fiend - a knife can also murder the innocent. It's a tool.

Of course Francis Schaeffer is not the final authority the Holy Spirit in God's word **is**. Again let me reiterate it is the fruit of the tree that counts - Jesus said so.

I was given the task of teaching "Altar Counselling" in an evangelical Pentecostal Church and I was glad to be able to inject some sound biblical principles into the course. Then I was called on to follow up a young married couple, he had signed a decision card. During the course of the evening visit it eventuated that they did not understand the scriptural meaning of salvation, believing and trusting in

the death burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. I shared the details from the scriptures and he who had signed the card deferred my invitation, his wife who had followed my presentation of the gospel in the interview on the other hand, responded and prayed to receive Jesus as Saviour and Lord.

I tell this anecdote to indicate the loose hold on the principles of Biblical gospel truth that was held by that church. An inquirer at that church could receive counselling on how to speak in tongues without being challenged for salvation. Doctrinally this is a disastrous situation. As it transpired, later the Lord led me to other fields of service.

That Church today has painted its interior sanctuary walls black added strobe lights and a smoke machine to set the atmosphere for their services of rock music song and dance. This state of affairs needs no further explanation - it is the fruit of a bad tree! The fruit is bad and the tree is bad, and it is only one many who are growing throughout Christendom. I repeat:

Lu 3:9 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

### **THE SAME RULE FOR TREES AS FOR TARES**

The parable of the tares paraphrased is "don't pull them up God's angels will to that in the hereafter (Mt 13:29)

God never teaches militant action against brethren in the New Testament *...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.* (Ga 5:23,24 ) If they will not endure sound doctrine *Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.* (2Ti 3:5)

I had a pastor in a pentecostal church confront me and say "We don't teach doctrine here, doctrine divides!" Bible says from such turn away. I did.

I had another pastor in another pentecostal church confront me and call me out of the pulpit because I had the temerity to teach that every one needs to repent of sin. Pastors, pastors wives, elders teachers. He got mad and closed the service without allowing me to conclude the appeal even though some folks had come forward already. From such turn away. I did.

Another pastor in another pentecostal church arose to give a "prophesy/word of knowledge" and recited details I had just heard him *being told by another member in the prayer room* before the service. From such turn away I did.

### **Healings And Miracles Today.**

I will not enumerate the fake healings that are noted all over the Internet I just note that when a "healer" pronounces anyone "healed" or "cured" and it transpires that they were not healed or cured that that "healer" or "prophet" is a false prophet. Under the Old Testament Law he or she would be liable to be stoned as a lying prophet. All those who are operating on the "fake it till you make it" advice of the late John Wimber and others who teach similar false doctrines take note, stoning by men is nothing to the prospect of coming under the judgement of Almighty God.

Should we pray for the sick today? Absolutely!

Jas 5:14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over

him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

The prayer of faith takes responsibility for the outcome as the elders jointly praying for the sick. The Healer is the Lord Jesus. No man in the body of Christ as the right to call himself a healer, even if he or she has the gift of healing from the Holy Spirit. Give God all the glory as He is the only Healer who has sovereign right to heal or withhold.

What can block healing that otherwise may be justifiably sought of God, see v 15b *and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.*

Unconfessed sin is here flagged as an impediment to the prayer of faith. Counsel the sick to deal with any sin unconfessed. Pray that the Holy spirit will bring to light those blockages to faith.

If the "prayer of faith" saves the sick this would explain why the Lord heals folks who pray in faith believing in an heretical group. The healing may be genuine the environment is not.

Since Satan can also heal as the counterfeiter if any of the gifts of the Spirit, we have to conclude that **MIRACLES DO NOT ENDORSE DOCTRINE** but **SOUND DOCTRINE EXPOSES THE SPIRITS OF THE MIRACLE-WORKERS** (prophets) From such turn away!

### **Failed Prophecies Today.**

The world has turned approximately 724,680 times since the Lord Jesus ascended up to heaven with the promise of His angels that He would return again in the same way they saw Him go into heaven. Scoffers are, as predicted And saying, *Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.* ( 2Pe 3:4).

That we are still awaiting Jesus' return is not a failed prophecy. The word of God promises He will return quickly or soon, never immediately and no man knoweth the day or the hour. It does promise we will see signs. In regard to this we can take a faith stance or a doubting one. If the Lord spares me I will endeavour to deal with this subject in a new book after this.

However as to extra biblical prophecies, those made by supposed Bible experts here is a site that lists a number of the more prominent "prophets" of our era. [Failed Prophecies](#) Including: Pat Robertson; 1994: Pastor John Hinkle; 1997: Heaven's Gate; 2011: Harold Camping *et.al.*

Once a prophecy is timed and the time passes away we are no longer doubters, falsity is confirmed. From such turn away!

### **Speaking In Tongues**

We have already dealt with the phenomena of tongues, its origin at Pentecost and its purpose as a sign to the unbelieving Jews. We have shown that the biblically stated purpose for tongues would cease after 70 A.D.

If there is still a genuine manifestation of miracle tongues today how can this be? Discounting the false "fake it till you make it" philosophy as just so much "noise on the radar screen" there are still some modern day claims of tongues preaching, where the "tongues speaker" communicates with another person in their own language sharing the gospel with them. These claims are anecdotal and unsupported by witness of the hearers.

Could God do that? Absolutely He is all powerful and sovereign. Nevertheless the purpose for tongues has passed its use-by date and tongues *per se* have ceased and are certainly not to be sought after, not even in the days of 1Corinthians.



What do we have today that is observable and verifiable today in relation to tongues speaking.

- 1) People are continuing to "speak in tongues" in Pentecostal/Charismatic services.
- 2) People continue to pretend to "interpret" the tongues spoken often two interpreters who can't speak the language themselves give two different interpretations.
- 3) Charismatic people refuse testing on the grounds it will quench the Holy Spirit despite the commandment of God in 1Jo 4:1 to test the spirits whether they are of God.

### Bogus Tongues

Modern tongues-speaking has its origin among the Irvingites (after Edward Irving, 1792-1834). Mormons under Joseph Smith also spoke in tongues in the United States: Mormon leader and American politician Brigham Young also spoke in tongues and interpreted his own messages.

### Pagan Tongues

Ecstatic language was a common form of worship in pagan temples. It was well established in Ancient Byblos (1100 BC). Plato (429-347 BC) mentions it as a phenomenon in his time. He tells us that a person under divine possession received utterances and visions that the receiver did not understand.

These utterances were sometimes accompanied by physical healing of people present. Virgil (70-19 BC) tells us that the Sibylline priestess, when in prayer, united her spirit with the god Apollo and spoke in strange tongues.

### John R Rice Writes:

I was in a hotel in Denver the other day and there were three nondescript hippies with Levis on, and wearing tennis shoes, and they were more or less unwashed, with clothes unironed. They had long beards and hair. I happened to be waiting for a telephone, and one of these hippies said, "I got baptized with the Holy Ghost the other day." So a fellow who speaks in tongues can be a hippie or a Catholic. Even some of the Moslems, Mohammedans, have sometimes spoken in tongues, along with the Pentecostal people and some other denominations.

Take time to read Dr Rice's whole paper at the above URL.

### **Bogus Physical Effects "Slain In the Spirit"**

Interestingly, the Dictionary of Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements itself states that slaying in the spirit is not Biblical\*. It says that it can be caused by peer pressure, autosuggestion, or self-desire to have 'it'. But it does not include the possibility of 'it' being all of Satan, or even partly of Satan. Yet, this phenomenon is unbiblical! Both tongues and slaying in the spirit are unbiblical. They were the basis of the Azusa Street activities which gave birth to Pentecostalism.

*\*In addition to God, the source of the experience can be a purely human response to auto-suggestion, group "peer pressure," or simply a desire to experience the phenomenon.... indeed sociologists would insist that it is common in many religions (i.e. the possession trance) - Dictionary of Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements p789 [\*quote in italics mine]*



David du Plessis, a much revered figure in Pentecostalism, admitted that slaying in the spirit should be avoided because it brought 'nothing but trouble' (quoted by Cardinal Suenens). God's phenomenon do not bring this kind of trouble. Satan's activities do.

A blanket of silence is thrown over slaying and tongues, because both phenomena were linked together at Azusa Street. Doubt one and you must doubt both. So, the best strategy is to keep quiet. The fact is very stark – if slaying and charismatic tongues (the very foundation of Pentecostalism) are both unbiblical, then they are of Satan. So, if both these phenomena are admitted to be demonic, the whole denomination/movement is a demonic device. No Pentecostalist or charismatic will ever admit to such a fact. However, Cardinal Suenens, a charismatic, says that slaying is the work of an 'alien force'! What 'alien force' can there be for Christians, except a Satanic one? Today Pentecostalists and charismatics (kissing cousins) have fudged the issue with bamboozling words and arguments.

Source [Birth of a Lie](#)

The Bible records people falling backward:

Isa 28:13 But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

see the context:

Isa 28:9 ¶ Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.

10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:

11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

12 To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear.

13 But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

It is interesting that Israel's rejection of sound doctrine preached miraculously in their own foreign tongues, that later falling backward would be a sign to false teachers falsely claiming the Holy Spirit:

Acts 2:8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,

Eli fell backward and died; Ps 40:14 negative result; Ps 70:2 negative; Joh 18:6 recoiling from Jesus words.

Where the opposite, falling forward is true: Communicating with God Ge 17:3; Jesus communication with the Father Mt 26:39; a leper worshipping Jesus Lu 5:12.

For further study of this phenomenon:

The Toronto Blessing: Slaying in the spirit - The Telling Wonder (Paperback)

by Nader Mikhaiel (Author)-out of print

<http://www.searchingtogether.org/articles/oconner/slain.htm>

The article from Searching Together Magazine of Spring 1996 says in part:

In The Toronto Blessing. Slain in the Spirit. the Telling Wonder, Mikhaiel devotes more than one hundred pages to a comparison between hypnotically induced behavior and "slain" behavior. After studying the phenomena, he offers several conclusions:

- \* Non-Christians can receive the Toronto Blessing and remain unsaved.
- \* Analysis is not conducive to experiencing the manifestations.
- \* True prayer stops the manifestations.
- \* The invoking of the Blood of Jesus stops the manifestations.
- \* Manifestations may cause people to get out of line with Scripture.
- \* Manifestations "may cause people to forget about Jesus. "
- \* Manifestations allow people to experience supernatural power without devotion to Jesus.

Mikhaiel also includes statistics on the study of 350 people who were "healed" at Charles S. Price's revival in British Columbia. Following are the results of the six month follow-up study: 301 people remained sick, 39 died and 5 had become insane. Five claimed that they had remained healed. When a charismatic service leaves sham healings, death and insanity in its wake, Christians are disgraced and God is impugned!

To summarise chapter 6 *...either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit.* Mt 12:33

Pentecost is real! Pentecostalism is a major heresy! [Table Of Contents](#)

## Chapter 7 Today's Strong Delusion

2Th 2:11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

There seems to be no doubt concerning the Apostle Paul's intention when writing 2Thessalonians chapter 2 that he was writing to set his readers straight concerning false reports relating to the details of the coming again of the Lord Jesus. So as with every word of scripture we must pay close attention to what he actually said verse 2

2Th 2:2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

He indicates three sources of possible confusion.

Shaken in mind or troubled anything that engenders doubt in the mind of the believer is a satanic inducement to Sin. Doubt is categorised with wrath as a sin in 1Ti 2:8 *I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.*

Doubt destroys faith Mt 14:31.

Mt 14:28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.

29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

32 And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.

Jesus said it and Peter believed it and he actually walked on the water until his surroundings caused him to doubt.

Having said all that belief without doubting is ***absolutely conditional*** on the source of the information in which we believe. To have implicit faith in absolute truth brings success. On the other hand to believe a lie guarantees disaster. Note that ***ANY*** deviation from truth is a lie. If Satan, the destroyer can alter or adulterate God's word he can destroy faith and the believer.

### **DO NOT BE SHAKEN IN MIND OR TROUBLED ***BY LETTER*** as from us.**

It does not take genius to understand that Paul was alluding to an actual bogus epistle that was being circulated in that day. Producing fake writings is not a new idea, nor did it stop at the close of the Apostolic age. pseudepigraphical or extra biblical writings are plethora on the internet today, toddtyszka.com has what appears to be an almost complete list of them [List](#).

It is enigmatic when we understand that those most vulnerable to deception are those who genuinely seek a deeper experience of life in Christ. remember his rule of logic ***sincerity is not a safeguard against error!*** There are three things that can keep us safe in the jungle of heresies. 1) Listen to that "still small voice"-conscience. 2) Fill your mind with God's written word. 3) Pray against Satan's spiritual enticements.

I can remember bogus advice given me when I was paddling in the shallows of Pentecostalism; "Don't pray against receiving the gift if it is not of God, doubt will prevent you from receiving it!" - I tell you now that bit of "logic" is out of the Pit. A prayer that asks God for spiritual discernment is truly in the spirit of 1John 4:1 God will not deprive nor punish any one who obeys His word. Those - doubtless sincere- people who teach the foregoing piece of nonsense are MIND SHAKERS, trying to make you become in two minds about the truth of the word is the road to instability see Jas 1:8 ***A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.***

*Please Lord give me discernment and don't allow anything that is not from you to come into me or onto me. Amen* That payer kept me safe many a time and it will keep you safe too ***PROVIDED*** you are not intentionally going into a sinful place.

## **DO NOT BE SHAKEN IN MIND OR TROUBLED BY WORD**

Remember that the time that this epistle of 2Thessalonians was written was the Bible of the then Church was the Old testament Torah. The current method for receiving New Testament truth was from the mouths of the Apostles. The Church at Ephesus was told in a letter from Jesus, Revelation 2:2:

Re 2:2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: ***and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:***

So the Church was contending not only with false preachers but also false Apostles, as do we today. This is no time to be "double minded." We need to be sure of what the Bible teaches and stabilise our thinking according to God's word.

Words of knowledge are still being given "willy nilly" in Pentecostal/Charismatic churches. I have heard leaders speak against private car park prophecies being given after the service. This is more of a control mechanism of the leadership than a caution against error since the prophecies given in the under guidance in the service, of the "anointed" leader, are just as unscriptural.

Does God supernaturally warn believers of an impending disaster by a timely word from another brother or sister - certainly but rarely. When an urgent warning is necessary God is not inarticulate He is quite capable of speaking to an individual believer without a bogus "priest" to speak for Him. Remember Ro 8:14 *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.* If you are a son or daughter of the Living God he will warn you or direct you if you simply ask and wait on His answer.

As we approach the time of the Lord's return the halls of Christendom are replete with "prophets" who have dreamed the answer or seen a vision or "received a word." Try the spirits of the prophets and any whose words vary from those of Jesus and His twelve Apostles, from such turn away!

## **DO NOT BE SHAKEN IN MIND OR TROUBLED BY SPIRIT**

The word used here in 2 Thessalonians 2 is: πνευμα pneuma pnyoo'-mah it is a word that takes its meaning from the context. the same word is used for Holy Spirit or evil spirit in Matthew 8:16 is is used to describe spirits of devils or demons.

Mt 8:16 When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits <Strong's 4151> with his word, and healed all that were sick:

The qualifying factor for this word in 2Thess2:2 is again the context. Paul is warning them about a spirit of error not truth.

If they had been paying attention to the words of Paul on a previous occasion they should not have been deceived see 2Thess 2: 5 ***Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?***

Paul was a bona fide source of truth his words collected in what became the New Testament word of God. It follows if we want to have a stable minded assessment of the spiritual issues existing in "Christian" Churches today we must have a grip on God's word with which to test them.

Note that the origin of the strong delusion is God. the "tool" God uses is Satan and his evil spirits. Is the Bible clear that God actually does this? Yes He has done it before:

2Ch 18:22 Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil against thee. (1Ki 22:22,23)

We know that Satan is "up to it"...

2Cor 11:13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

I said it earlier I will say it again, Pentecost is real! Pentecostalism is a major heresy! It is the lie that is being swallowed by many sincere believers who just do not know God's word.

Pray for all your friends who have been caught in this scurrilous lie of Satan fast and pray because this kind comes not out but by prayer and fasting. Perhaps by God's mercy and grace we can save some. [Table Of Contents](#)

# Chapter 8 Conclusions

## AUTHORITY

If you have read this far I am sure that you can draw your own Godly conclusions. This is as they say "not rocket science" If you have a King James Bible you have the preserved infallible Word of God. The Holy Spirit who inspired it will enlighten you as you read.

Don't fear the Professors and preachers who intimidate those who think they are authority on translation from the "originals" which God saw to it that are possessed by nobody today. If God preserved it in English and if you read English the only thing to be concerned about is that you have read the whole Bible many times and BELIEVE what it says.

**SUMMARY** Pentecost Is Historically True And Birthed the Church. Pentecostalism Is A Lie.

Intro. Be discerning 14 ***For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.***

1. Baptism In The Holy Spirit Is Part And Parcel With Conversion not a second blessing.
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