

Pentecostalism

Most Bible based religions today follow some form of Covenant Theology. Covenant religion takes much of the Bible out of context. The root of the problem is simple: there is no Spirit of God in these wayward religions.

Without the Spirit of God, these religions exist in confusion and no one can understand the things of God, including the Bible. Attempting to make sense of the text, individuals, lacking God's spiritual discernment, resort to viewing Scripture allegorically, spiritualizing what they cannot understand or explain, then ignore the rest. This approach to Gods Word always results in a host of errors.

Pentecostalism began at the turn of the 20th century at a small Bible school in Topeka, Kansas. Charles Fox Parham, in December 1900, felt there had to be a deeper spiritual connection to experience God. At the end of classes at Bethel Bible School, he gave his students an assignment: "What evidence of the Spirit's indwelling was present in the early church?"

Parham had a misguided concept of the "early church" of Acts 2, thinking it was a Gentile church called Christian, and the beginnings of the religion we know today as Christianity. It is not. No relationship at all. That's just one of many misunderstandings in this "Bible school".

January 1, 1901, saw the birth of the errant doctrine of speaking in tongues that distinguished this false religion from the mainstream of Protestantism. While its beginnings may have been Protestant Christian, what evolved in Pentecostalism is an entity entirely unto itself that has no semblance of anything Bible.

Fun Fact: The Christian religion is nowhere found in the Bible. This includes the Pentecostal religion, Catholicism, Evangelicalism, Lutheranism, and other religions under the Protestant umbrella. These are all made-up religions, created with words from the Bible taken out of context, and / or imaginations, superstitions, traditions, extra-biblical writings, and errant practices they choose to follow that have no Biblical support. Mormonism was created in the same fashion.

Pentecostals base their concept of "tongue-speak" on verses found in Acts 2 describing the beginning moments of Peter's Jewish Church.

The Romans of that day called these Acts 2 Jews who believed Jesus to be the Messiah "Christians". It was a pejorative term, not one of endearment. Centuries later, a group of Gentiles would call themselves Christian. There is no connection or similarities between the Jewish and Gentile "Christians". This name duplicity has caused much confusion over the last 1700 years.

Fun Fact: The word Christian(s) appears in the Bible only three times and always and only referred to the Jews that believed Jesus was their Messiah. Neither the Gentiles nor the Body of Christ was ever called Christian.

Fun Fact: In the 30+ years of the ministry and writings of Peter, Paul, James, John, and Jude, no one ever called themselves, their Church, or their followers “Christian”.

This new revelation / invention of a Protestant religion arbitrarily deciding they should speak in tongues is in keeping with the Protestant penchant of religious quackery. Other examples include the snake Handling religions based on Acts 28, the Amish and Hutterite exiles who base their religion on a verse Paul wrote to the Corinthians, the Evangelical gaff of taking Matthew 28 out of context to invent an industry of missionizing and evangelizing that exists nowhere in the Bible, and a verse from Peter that launched the Holiness movement. There are many more non-biblical protestant derivatives who misuse the Bible to create their errant religions, beliefs, and doctrines.

At Pentecost, the Acts 2 church experienced a **filling** of the Holy Spirit causing those Jews to miraculously speak in different, **known** languages. This event was for the benefit of others then present. The foreigners, non-Hebrew speaking Jews from other regions of the land, gathered together in Jerusalem with the Hebrew speaking Jews for the Jewish feast of Pentecost. The visitors were amazed to hear these Hebrew Jews proclaiming the Jewish Gospel - Peter's Gospel - in their own language. (The Apostle Paul, Paul's Gospel, and the Body of Christ did not exist at that time.)

Fun Fact: In Acts 2, there was no hint of the future corrupt Roman pagan Christian religion of the fourth century, or what would become the false teachings of Protestantism, still 1600 years future. There is no connection between these religions and the Jewish Christian Church of Acts 2, or the Body of Christ, then or now.

In Pentecostalism and its derivatives, this new revelation of “tongue speak” is nothing more than making babbling sounds and calling it an unknown “angelic” language. There is no biblical support for the Pentecostal view on tongues, and the Apostle Paul warns against this very thing. Pentecostalism follows the same path when developing their doctrines on healing, miracles, spiritual gifts, casting out demons, their false gospel of money for money, and the scams dubbed “Name-it-Claim it” and “Word of Faith”.

The doctrine of tongues is an example of a religion lifting a verse from the Bible, out of context, an all to common practice throughout the Christian religion, both Roman and Protestant. In context, Acts 2 concerned a new Jewish Church and the Spirit of God working a miracle through these Jews to validate and authenticate the disciples, the new Jewish Church, and that moment in time. (There were no Gentile Body of Christ believers in Acts 2. Any Gentiles that may have been present were few, being converts to Judaism)

Fun Fact: The miracles, signs, and wonders seen throughout the Bible were for validation, and authenticated the individuals and events of that time. These miracles ceased at the end of the Apostolic age and were replaced with the greater miracle that was hid in God from the beginning of the world. This is Paul's mystery: Christ in you. This is the gift of the indwelling Spirit of God given to the children of God, to open their eyes, quicken their thoughts, guarding, guiding, and protecting their hearts and minds. The indwelling Spirit also eliminated the temple, sanctuary, church buildings, and alters as each member of the Body of Christ is the temple of the Holy Spirit.

Emotion Over Doctrine

The typical Pentecostal service is one of "intense worship" and emotion. While other faiths draw a sense of religiosity from statues, chants, candles, beads, and organ music in a cathedral setting, Pentecostals thrive on emotions and feelings, obtaining from these a self-generated experiential high, and they value this sensation over doctrine.

The greatest fallacies in these religion types are their lack of solid biblical doctrine, and their reliance on dreams, feelings, emotions, and anecdotal stories to determine truth, judge their success in worship, in making decisions, and determining their path in life. Satan thrives on lies and half-truths; on manipulating emotions and blinding people to the truth. The Pentecostal weaknesses, and their reliance on emotion and nothing true, places adherents of these misguided religions on a foundation of shifting sand, ripe for the Devils snares.

Fun Fact: Notice that the Mormon and Catholic Churches are alive and well in this day-and-age despite their total ignorance of all things God and Bible. Hinduism and Islam also thrive as does the Anglican Church, Orthodoxy, Buddhism, and Confucianism. So too, the cults and the occults, the atheists, and agnostics, and religions of the far east. There are numerous other religions that fit this mold including the many shades of Protestantism. All told, these belief systems represent billions of lost souls, the vast bulk of humanity.

God allows these false religions and non religions to continue as the wheat and the tares. Very soon, the removal of the Body of Christ from the earth (the rapture) will separate God's children from the lost and the religious, who follow a form of godliness, but deny the power thereof.

Parishioners of the Pentecostal and Charismatic religions often recount anecdotal stories from others, or personal experiences and sensations they believe to be spiritual in origin. Paul gives caution that even the Devil disguises himself as an angel of light. Imaginations may seem real, stories true, but without biblical support, are likely the hand of the master-deceiver. Whatever it is, this religion certainly has no foundation in fact or truth for what they say, do, and believe.

There are numerous derivatives of Pentecostalism infecting numerous denominations, all with the same general theme. It is unquestionably the fastest growing religion on the planet, spreading its false gospel, false concepts of God, a false Jesus, a false Spirit, and its faulty

interpretation of the Bible through errant doctrines. The most enthusiastic audiences of this nonsense are the third-world populations that still cling to various pagan beliefs, superstitions, and rituals, if that tells you anything.

If you are caught in this false religion, get out. Just leave. It is most likely you are not a member of the Body of Christ, do not have a relationship with God, and do not have the indwelling Spirit of God meaning your eternal salvation is at stake. You will never find spiritual maturity or truth in these religions, and you will certainly suffer in life as you follow these errant teachings.

Turn to the one true God and He will direct you to the truth.

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