Pentecostalism

'Holiness' movement began within Methodist Christian Church, mid-1800s

- Adopted John Wesley's call to 'Christian perfection': possibility of living free of voluntary sins
- Also called:
 - Entire sanctification
 - Baptism with Holy Spirit
 - Second work of grace
 - Regeneration that occurs after salvation; allows people to live without sin...

I. Pentecostal Movement

Second work of grace has crossed denominational boundaries

- Pentecostal Church, Inc. traces beginning to New Year's Eve, 1899: Topeka, Kansas.
- "Hungry-hearted people" called fast of 21 days . . .
- Prayed for great outpouring of Holy Spirit.
- To their surprise, mighty manifestations were witnessed soon after midnight . . .
- Spoke in other languages . . . as Ac.2.

Ministers came from every section of U.S. to learn more

- Many received a like experience.
- Then preached: Jesus is same yesterday, today, and forever.

1914 Conference, Hot Springs, AR

- Formed General Council of the Assemblies of God.
- Later, because of what many believed to be new revelation of doctrine, divided into 2-3 other smaller groups: Pentecostal Church, Inc., among them.
- Thousands were rebaptized into name of Jesus Christ...received H.S. baptism while in the water.

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- Great numbers were healed of incurable diseases... demons were cast out as in days of apostles.
- In many cities the report of the Samaritan revival was duplicated (Ac.8:12).
- Two major bodies were organized . . .
 - -1944, formed one body: United Pentecostal Church.

I. Pentecostal Movement

II. Pentecostal Doctrines

The issue is NOT ...

- Question of God's power
- Was Holy Spirit baptism promised to some
- Did apostles and Cornelius and household receive it
- Do believers today receive Holy Spirit (Lk.11:13)

The issue: are believers today baptized with Holy Spirit as apostles were on Pentecost?

Terms

- Baptized, Ac.1:5
- Filled, Ac.2:4
 - Does NOT always refer to H.S. baptism
 - Lk.1:15, 41, 67; Ac.4:31; Ep.5:18
 - Ep.5:18, Holy Spirit | Word, Col.3:16
 - Spirit's law directs our heart / life: filled with Spirit. Col.1:9

Administrator: Christ

- Mt.3:11 . . . Ac.2:1-4
- Jesus fulfilled promise that Father would send Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit baptism	Mt.28:19	Water baptism
Administered by Lord, Jn.1:33	'baptizing them'	Administered by man, Mt.28; Ac.8
Promise, not command, Ac.1	baptizing them observingcom.	Command, Mt.28; Ac.2:38

Purpose

- Complete revelation: Jn.14:26; 16:13
 - Who today can prophesy? (Add words to Bible...?)
- Proof: Hb.2:3-4

Supernatural claims demand supernatural evidence. 2 Co.12:12

- Preach 'Jesus': can claim anything
- Apostles leave one church to establish another... 1 Co.14:22...26

Recipients of promise

■ Pronoun links – Ac.1:2-8

Persons (2)
Place (4)
Period (5)
Purpose (8)

Fulfillment – Ac.1:26-2:4... (Jn.14-16)

Recipients of promise

- What about Cornelius? (Ac.10-11)
 - Proved Gentiles can be saved without becoming Jews (11:...18).
 - Exception (Cornelius) proves rule:
 - Ac.1-2: apostles (expected)
 - Ac.10-11: shock. (10:45)
 - '...at the beginning' (Ac.11:15)

"But I know what I've experienced"

- UFO's: the key is the word 'unidentified'
- Psychics: talk to dead; see ghosts...
- Elvis: seen him lately?
- Hospital...morphine
- Jn.3:1-2, Nicodemus 'knew...' How?

Where are these signs today?