

apostates who deny the fundamentals of the faith and also with fundamentalists and Roman Catholics, just as long as they have experienced Holy Spirit baptism.

Pentecostalism emphasizes experience over doctrine. The thing that really counts with Pentecostals is the experience of Spirit baptism and speaking in tongues. The thing to be sought after and gloried in is not the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ, but the experience of the gifts.

WHAT ARE SOME TELLTALE MANIFESTATIONS OF PENTECOSTALISM IN OUR CHURCHES TODAY?

There are several popular terms and practices the presence of which in a church may well be danger signals by which the influence of and tendency toward Pentecostal error may be detected.

First there is use of the terms "God told me" and "the Lord spoke to me" implying that God speaks today apart from His written Word. Pentecostalism teaches that God does give special, direct revelations to people today. He gives the gift of prophecy. Well, God does speak to men and women today, but never does He do so apart from His written Word!

Another telltale manifestation of Pentecostalism in a person or church is the practice of holding up one or both hands during prayer or singing or preaching in a worship service. I have observed through the years that this practice goes along with Pentecostal practices such as speaking in tongues.

A third manifestation of Pentecostal tendencies is the use of certain types of music in a church. As a matter of fact,

music is often the means of introducing Pentecostalism into a church in the first place. Pentecostal music glorifies the Holy Spirit or draws attention to Him more than to Christ. For example:

"THERE'S A SWEET,
SWEET SPIRIT IN THIS PLACE,
AND I KNOW THAT IT'S
THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD.
. . . SWEET HOLY SPIRIT,
SWEET HEAVENLY DOVE,
STAY RIGHT HERE WITH US,
FILLING US WITH YOUR LOVE . . ."

Besides being effeminate, this song wrongly centers attention in the Holy Spirit rather than in Christ. Pentecostals use music whose message and music centers in man's feelings and experiences rather than God and His glory.

A fourth manifestation of the tendency toward Pentecostalism is the use of certain code words and sentences such as "CHURCH ON THE ROCK". Many Assembly of God churches have this term written on the sign out front. Some who do not openly acknowledge their Pentecostalism also have this term on their signs so that the initiated can identify them.

A fifth manifestation of tendencies toward Pentecostalism is claiming the power to cast out demons in the name of Jesus. Casting out demons is one of the extraordinary gifts listed in Mark 16. It is a sign of an apostle and as we have seen these extraordinary gifts have passed away with the Apostles.

A sixth manifestation of tendencies toward Pentecostalism is praying for God to send another Pentecost.

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Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set (Prov. 22:28). Vol. 2, No. 24 06 December 2009

SHOULD A BAPTIST CHURCH EMBRACE PENTECOSTALISM?

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According to the Lord Jesus in John 16:13-14, the Holy Spirit doesn't seek to make men Spirit conscious. He makes them Christ conscious.



"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. He shall glorify me for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you."

The chief function of the Holy Spirit of God is to glorify Christ and not Himself. A Spirit-filled man speaks of Christ, he glorifies Christ, he draws attention to Christ, he testifies to Christ that in all the things Christ may have the preeminence.

In Acts 1:8 the risen Lord tells us the purpose of His sending the Holy Spirit when He says: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." At Pentecost when Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit what did he preach about? Not the wonderful blessings of the Spirit-filled life! Whom did he glorify? Not the Holy Spirit. When Peter was tilled with the Spirit at Pentecost he preached Christ! Spirit-filled people are occupied with Christ!

Now how do we recognize the Holy Spirit's presence in our churches today if the extraordinary or charismatic gifts passed away? The Holy Spirit today takes the things of Christ and shows them...

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1. Bible Studies
2. Tract Drop
3. Door-Knocking
4. Personal Evangelism
5. Missions

Position

1. Independent
2. KJV 1611
3. Baptist
4. Old-Fashioned
5. Soulwinning
6. Premillennial
7. Non-Charismatic
8. Unaffiliated

Church Services

Sunday:

- 9:30 am — Sunday School
10:30 am — Worship Service
6:15 pm — Evening Service

Wednesday:

- 6:30 pm — Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

CHURCH TIMES

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- 9:30 am** — Sunday School
10:30 am — Worship Service
6:15 pm — Evening Service

Wednesday:

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Saturday:

- 8:00 am** — Door-Knocking & Tract Distribution

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER REQUESTS

- This BBC Bulletin can be downloaded online on biblebaptist.net.au/bbcbulletin.html
- Bring-A-Plate day, Dec. 20, 2009 after Evening Service.
- Sunday & Wednesday services in Bible Baptist Church, Kalgoorlie.
- Wisdom for Bro. Robert's leading the Friday's Bible Study (6:30pm) for PNG folks in Kalgoorlie.

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For those who have prayer requests, Christian articles, poems, or announcements for inclusion in the next issue of the Church Bulletin, please ring or email Mrs. Ethel Macale.

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- Need for church car.
- Pastor Eugene Macale's ministries' financial needs: Bible Baptist Mission (Liloan, Southern Leyte, Philippines).
- Dondoy (Pastor Macale's brother) from alcoholism.
- Edna, Pastor Eugene Macale's sister-in-law, for complete healing of her stage-4 cancer.
- Kylie Mell's (Chris' wife) healing from multiple sclerosis.
- Financial needs of Bible Baptist Church, Talisay, Cebu under Pastor Gemmo Suberano.
- Complete healing of Bro. Jerry Penie's illness.
- New Christians for baptism.
- Needs of Pastor Sherwin Ramos & his family — Missionary to Paraguay.
- Travelling mercies to PNG for the Javapros, Gordan, and Donna.
- The Ngutliks Australian Residence application.
- A man of God to replace Pastor R. Macale for Bible Baptist Church, Kalgoorlie.
- Pastor R. Macale's new mission work in Perth.
- House in Perth for Pastor R. Macale's family.

Websites worth visiting:

<http://www.biblebaptist.net.au>
<http://www.oldkjv.org>
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... to men. He glorifies Christ and when the Holy Spirit fills men, they praise and they glorify Christ.

ONCE IT WAS THE BLESSING,
 NOW IT IS THE LORD
 ONCE IT WAS THE FEELING,
 NOW IT IS HIS WORD
 ONCE HIS GIFTS I WANTED,
 NOW THE GIVER OWN
 ONCE I SOUGHT FOR HEALING,
 NOW FOR CHRIST ALONE.

Is Christ the center of your life? He is if you are a Spirit-titled man!

A third thing wrong with Pentecostalism is that Pentecostalism often places human experience above the written Word of God. For Pentecostals the way to find the truth is to appeal to oneself, to look within, to look at ones own experience. "I know that it is from God because it feels so good" or "it feels so right" they often say.

The standard for determining the truth in religion must be the Bible, the written word of God, rather than our experiences or those of others. God says in Isaiah 8:20: "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them". Brother, this is the standard, this is the rule by which the truth of all things must be measured; the written word of God.

Pentecostals often answer when their claims are questioned, "You don't know because you don't know how I feel! You never experienced what I have experienced!" Maybe, but what does the Book say? Many will say, "I know that the gifts are for today because I have experienced them." But if an experience doesn't measure up to the written Word of God, that exp-

erience didn't come from God! Any experience that is not in harmony with the written Word of God is not of the Lord no matter how spectacular or unusual or impressive it might be.

All of our experiences should be founded on and measured by the solid rock of God's Word. A person must never trust his own experience as the standard for determining truth because our feelings change and different people have different feelings about every matter.

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION,
 YE SAINTS OF THE LORD,
 IS LAID FOR YOUR FAITH
 IN HIS EXCELLENT WORD!
 WHAT MORE CAN HE SAY
 THAN YOU HE HATH SAID,
 YOU WHO UNTO JESUS
 FOR REFUGE HAVE FLED?

A fourth thing wrong with

Pentecostalism is that Pentecostalism assembles the church around something other than the Word of God. A true church of Jesus Christ assembles together around the pulpit. It comes together for the preaching of the Word of God. Pentecostalism today assembles the church around special revelations and dreams and speaking in tongues and experiences rather than the preaching of the Word of God.

More time and attention is dedicated to healing and sharing experiences than to the declaration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Their fellowship is based on similar experiences rather than on Jesus Christ in the written Word. Their fellowship is not in the doctrine of God, but in the gifts and in the experiences of those gifts. Pentecostals can have fellowship with the most extreme liberals and