

O WORSHIP THE KING ALL
GLORIOUS ABOVE, TO GOD BE THE
GLORY GREAT THINGS HE HATH
DONE, GREAT IS THY
FAITHFULNESS O GOD MY FATHER
and GUIDE ME O THOU GREAT
JEHOVAH!

A fourth antidote against Pentecostalism is we must discourage our people from watching the Pentecostal preachers on religious television. Great numbers of our people invite Assembly of God and other Pentecostal preachers into their homes every day and listen to their messages and music. It's no wonder our churches are so infected with Pentecostalism!

CONCLUSION

Historically God's people of every age have rejected Pentecostalism in whatever form it has arisen. God's people in every age have rejected the extraordinary gifts recognizing that they are not given in this present age.

The churches in the second century rejected Montanism with its claims of the gift's of prophecy and speaking in languages and its women preachers. None of our Baptist forefathers from the time of Christ to the present have claimed the extraordinary gifts. The Protestant Reformation in the 1500's was the greatest revival of Christianity in all history and none of the reformers ever exercised or even claimed these extraordinary gifts. None of them ever healed or worked miracles or spoke in tongues. The churches in the mid 17th century were greatly troubled by and then rejected the Quaker brand of Pentecostalism which claimed direct revelation from God through the so-called "inner light" in every man.

God's churches were again plagued by an outbreak of Pentecostalism or NeoPentecostalism as some call it when it occurs within the mainline denominations. May God give us the grace and the knowledge of His Word and the strength of character and the honesty to stand against this great error!

PENTECOSTALISM

Pentecostalism is a renewal movement within Christianity that places special emphasis on a direct personal experience of God through the baptism in the Holy Spirit^[1] which is evidenced by speaking in tongues. The term *Pentecostal* is derived from Pentecost, a Greek term describing the Jewish Feast of Weeks. For Christians, this event commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the followers of Jesus Christ, as described in the Book of Acts, Chapter 2,^[2] and Pentecostals tend to see their movement as reflecting the same kind of spiritual power, worship styles and teachings that were found in the early church. For this reason, some Pentecostals also use the term *Apostolic* and/or *full gospel* to describe their movement.

Pentecostalism is an umbrella term that includes a wide range of different theological and organizational perspectives. As a result, there is no single central organization or church that directs the movement. Most Pentecostals consider themselves to be part of broader Christian groups; for example, most Pentecostals identify as Protestants. Many embrace the term evangelical, while others prefer restorationist.

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Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set (Prov. 22:28). Vol. 2, No. 25 13 December 2009

SHOULD A BAPTIST CHURCH EMBRACE PENTECOSTALISM?

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A sixth manifestation of tendencies toward Pentecostalism is praying for God to send another Pentecost. Brother, we don't need mother Pentecost! At Pentecost the Lord poured out His Spirit on His church, and we still have the same Spirit indwelling the churches today. What we need today is to repent of our apathy and unconcern and get busy about the business of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ to every creature.



WHAT ARE SOME EFFECTIVE ANTIDOTES AGAINST PENTECOSTALISM IN OUR CHURCHES?

An antidote is a remedy to counteract the effects of poison. What are some antidotes, some remedies by which we can counteract the poison of Pentecostalism in our churches? What are some positive things we can do to protect ourselves and our churches from Pentecostal error?

One thing that we must do is carefully maintain a God centered theology. Pentecostal theology centres in man and his Spiritual experience. "I've never felt so good," they often say in discussing their religion. Personal feeling and human experience are more important than Christ in their theology. Pentecostalism is egocentric rather than Theocentric.

Biblical theology centres in God and His Christ, and one of the most important and effective antidotes against the poison of Pentecostalism is maintaining a God-centered theology. Today's preachers would do well to emulate Paul in what ...

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5. Missions

Position

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6:15 pm — Evening Service

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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.

CHURCH BULLETIN

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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... he says in 2 Corinthian 4:5, "For we preach not our ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord."

There is a conspicuous absence of Pentecostal error in churches which have a God-centered theology and this is no accident. The theology of God's sovereign grace is the opposite and antithesis of the man-centered theology of Pentecostalism. Brother, when God is rightly exalted and man is therefore abased, you won't have Pentecostalism in your church!

Second, to protect our churches from Pentecostalism we must encourage proper reverence for God and His majesty. Modern Pentecostalism has lost the sense of majesty, the dignity, the grandeur, the greatness, the awesomeness of God. There is no real reverence in their worship. Rather there is shouting and laughing and running and clapping and religious rock and tongues and all kinds of experiences and the whole charismatic circus.

The circus atmosphere in many of our churches today does not reflect that we have any Scriptural concept of the majesty of Almighty God. When a church gets a right view of God, a Biblical view of God, the people immediately cease from all such shenanigans and they will prostrate themselves instead in the dirt at the feet of the Awful Sovereign of the universe! They worship in true reverence and dignity in awe of the infinite majesty of God. They know something about the meaning of Habakkuk 2:20, ". . . the Lord is in his holy temple; Let all the earth keep

silence before him."

A third antidote against Pentecostalism in our churches is that we must give cautious and prayerful consideration to the music that we use. Pentecostalism marches itself right into some otherwise sound churches today by means of the so-called "gospel" music that is used in their services.

Music is so powerful a medium of ideas that it can bring Pentecostalism into a church even when that church at first stands solidly against it. Connected to the right melodies, the message of the music can be hung in people's minds for years to come. Radio and television advertisers learned this long ago with their beer jingles.

The message that much of this contemporary music carries today is a Pentecostal message. It is a shallow, sentimental, sensual, irreverent, and cheap view of God and centers in man and his experiences rather than in God and His glory. The word "I" is exceedingly prominent in this music. Music that tends to Pentecostalism is egocentric rather than Christocentric.

Music that is pleasing to God is Theocentric. It centers in God and His Christ, worshipping Him and praising Him and adoring Him and thanking Him. Theocentric music makes up the psalms and hymns and Spiritual songs of which Paul speaks in Colossians 3:16.

One of the best examples of godly, Spiritual, Theocentric church music to be found today is in the 1956 "Baptist Hymnal" where we find such hymns as: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, COME THOU ALMIGHTY KING HELP US THY NAME TO SING,