

DANGERS OF PENTECOSTALISM

THE DOCTRINES THAT FAIL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.... "

- Acts 2:1-2

1. Pentecostalism: defined

- a. Not all Acts 2 believers are Pentecostals; but all Pentecostals are Acts 2
- b. Pentecostals are identified by their claim to 'supernatural' powers
- c. ***Going back to Pentecost*** → what's new in Acts 2? Nothing.
 - i. Group already established – Acts 1:15; 2:41
 - ii. Their 'beginning' – Acts 1:21-22
 - iii. John was the beginning of the end – Mark 1:14; Mat 24
 - 1. "Last days" – Acts 2:16-17
 - iv. New Covenant empowerment – Eze 36:27; Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4

2. Salvation

- a. Walk as he walked (perfect) - 1 John 2:5-6; Mat 5:48
- b. Sinless perfection – 1 John 3:8-10
- c. Faith without works – James 2:17 – Nothing + something = something
- d. Baptism requirements – Mat 3:11
- e. **Salvation in the end; kept by obedience**
 - i. Endure to the end - Luke 21:19; Mark 13:13
 - ii. Repent so that sins may be blotted out; Acts 3:19; 1 Peter 1:13
 - iii. Holiness before God – Heb 12:14-17 → grace fails!
 - iv. Let us have grace - Heb 12:28
- f. **But Now...** Access to grace by faith - Rom 5:1-2
 - i. Not our efforts, but he is able to keep – 2 Tim 1:11-12

3. Supernatural Powers

- a. They were signs - Mark 16:17-20 → sign of kingdom come - Luke 10:9
- b. The powers were not new - Mat 10:1, 5-8
- c. The powers were prophesied – Joel 2:28; Jer 31:34 (John 14:26; 1 John 2:27)
- d. The powers were for use in the tribulation/kingdom – Rev 8:10-11; 9:3; John 14:12
- e. Paul's powers were for a sign to unbelieving Israel – 2 Cor 12:12; Rom 15:18-19

4. Paul's Gospel

- a. They go to Paul for 1 Cor 14:18 → Paul spoke in tongues!!
- b. Pentecostals must reject Paul's special revelation to exist
- c. Peter vs Paul – Gal 1:11-12; 2:8; 2:11
 - i. Different audience - Acts 3:21-25 vs Rom 16:25
- d. Acts 2 = kingdom; no kingdom = no Acts 2