

# ARE YOU PENTECOSTAL?

“Pentecostalism” includes all those movements and churches where the emphasis is on an ecstatic *Baptism of the Holy Spirit* and *practicing miraculous gifts:*

*Prophecy, healing, exorcism, speaking in tongues, and revelations by dreams and visions.*

# Pentecostals & Charismatics

***Pentecostal*** is used to describe individuals who belong to ***Standard Pentecostal churches***, who claim to use miraculous gifts: eg. Assemblies of God or the Church of God in Christ.



***Charismatics***, are a loose group of people who are ***Not*** members of ***Pentecostal*** churches; but may attend Protestant, Catholic and Orthodox denominations, yet speak in tongues.

***In the USA*** 72% of Protestant denominations are non-Pentecostal /Charismatic.  
18% are Charismatic; 10% are Pentecostal.

# THE HOLY SPIRIT



Acts 1:8 *Promised* to the Apostles

Acts 2:4 Apostles spoke with *tongues*

Acts 2:7-11 These were *known* human languages

Acts 3:6-7 Apostles healed the *lame*

Acts 9:40 They raised the *dead*

Acts 19:12 They cast out *evil spirits*

Acts 8:17f Spirit passed on thru *apostles' hands*

# Nine Miraculous Gifts !

1 Cor 12:8-10 NIV

- v.8 The message of *wisdom*
- v.8 The message of *knowledge*
- v.9 *Faith* by the same Spirit
- v.9 Gifts of *healing*
- v.10 *Miraculous* powers
- v.10 *Prophecy*
- v.10 *Distinguishing* between spirits
- v.10 Different kinds of *tongues* ◀
- v.10 *Interpretation* of tongues

But **WHICH GIFT** do Pentecostals **ALWAYS CLAIM?**

# Cessation of Spiritual Gifts !

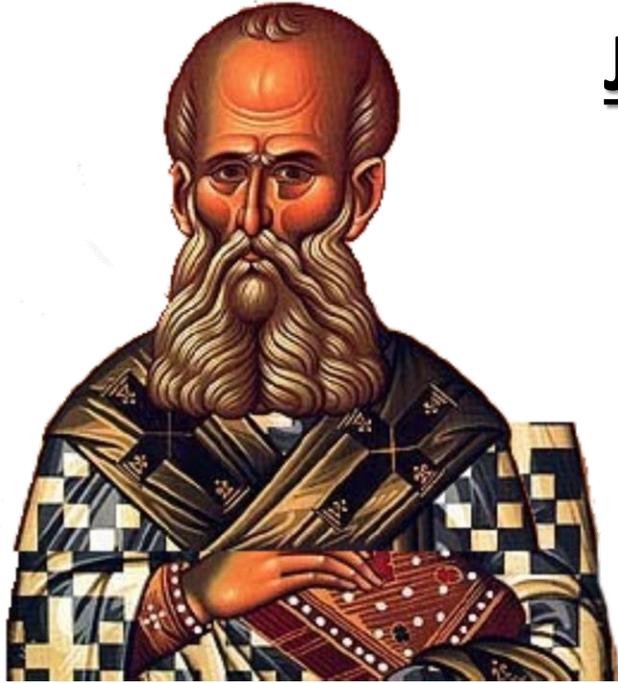
1 Cor 13:8 “If there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away; *if there are tongues, they will cease..*”

1 Cor 13:9-10 “We prophesy in part; but when the perfect comes, *the partial will be done away.*”

When the complete revelation came (James 1:25) the need for *partial revelation ceased.*

Biblical miracles ceased following the *death* of the *last Apostle* to lay hands on people.  
(Acts 8:17-18; 19:6; Rom 1:11; 2 Tim 1:6)

# Witnesses to the Cessation of Gifts !



John Chrysostom (AD. 324-407)

“Golden-mouthed preacher”

commenting on 1 Cor 12-14

“The whole thing is very  
*obscure because such things  
no longer take place.*”<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Homilies of First Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians; xxxix, 1;  
Nicean & Post Nicean Fathers; First Series, vol 12

# Witnesses to the Cessation of Gifts !

2. Augustine (AD. 354-430)  
Theologian.

‘These signs were adapted *to the time*. For it was suitable for an indication of the Holy Spirit in all tongues to show that the gospel of God was to run through all tongues over the whole earth. *That was done for a indication, and it passed away.*’<sup>2</sup>



<sup>2</sup> *Homilies on 1<sup>st</sup> Epistle of John; vi, 10, IBID, vol.7*

# Testing the Spirits !

(1 Thes 5:21)

*“Examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good.”*

(1 John 4:1)

every spirit, *but test the spirits* to see whether they are from God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world..”

(1 Cor 2:4)

“ My message was not in persuasive words of wisdom but in *demonstration of the Spirit and of power.*”



# In the Bible they Healed *Everything*!



**Jesus Healed All Types**  
**Mt 4:25**

- ***Leprosy*** (Lk 17:11-14)
- ***Amputation*** (Lk 22:50)
- ***Hemorrhage*** (Mt 9:20)
- ***Dead raised*** (Mk 5:35f)

Fake healers have audience **“screened”** for excitable, receptive people before the service by cards or interviews. Quadriplegics need not apply!

Ask if they can heal anything visible. ***Crooked teeth?***

# In the Bible they Healed *Instantly!*



*In the Bible Healing  
was Instantaneous!*

*Fever left her* (Mt 8:15)

*Blind & Deaf*—*spoke and  
saw.* (Mt 12:22)

*Crippled*—*walking, and  
leaping* (Acts 3:7-8)

*Withered hand*—*made  
whole* (Mt 12:13)

Some Fake healers say “It’ll take *time* for the miracle” or they were “*partially*” healed.

# Who Gets Blamed for *Failures* ?



*Jesus Blamed the Failure on the Healers*

Matt 17:20 “*Because of the littleness of your faith* ...if you have faith

as a mustard seed, you shall say to this mountain, 'Move ...and nothing shall be impossible to you.'”

The *fake healers* blame the “failures” on the *sufferers* for their lack of faith !

