

Denominational Doctrines – Part 9

Pentecostal and Charismatic Churches

Introduction:

- A. Several groups (Church of God, Assembly of God, Pentecostal Holiness, Nazarene, etc.)
- B. Doctrines common to most of these groups:

Discussion:

I. Miracle Working.

- A. Not for all believers.
 - 1. Samaritans (Acts 8:12-16)
 - 2. Romans (Rom. 1:11)
 - 3. Mark 16:17-18 not for all believers. (Cf. vv. 14, 19-20).
 - a. Why limit to healing? (vv. 17-18)
 - b. Why limits recipients to believers (Acts 28:8)
 - 4. “Signs of an *apostle*.” (2 Cor. 12:12)
- B. Miracle ceased
 - 1. 1 Cor. 13:8-13.
 - 2. Means ceased – laying on of apostles hands (Rom. 1:11; Acts 8:6, 14-19; Acts 19:6).
 - 3. Purpose ceased – word confirmed. (Cf. Heb. 2:3,4).

II. Tongues Speaking.

- A. Meaning of Tongues.
 - 1. Language or dialect (Acts 2:4, 8, 11).
 - 2. Rev. 5:9; 7:9; 10:11; 11:9; 13:7; 14:6; 17:15
 - 3. Not gibberish.
- B. Limitation of Tongues
 - 1. To infant stage of church (1 Cor. 13:11).
 - a. Aided in initial revelations and spread of gospel.
 - b. Confirmed revelation.
 - c. Ended with complete revelation (1 Cor. 13:10-11)
 - 2. In early assemblies.
 - a. Must be interpreter (1 Cor. 14: 13,27,28)
 - b. No more than 3 with 1 interpreter.

III. Holy Spirit Baptism.

- A. Two cases of Holy Spirit Baptism.
 - 1. Day of Pentecost (Acts 2)
 - 2. Cornelius’ house (Acts 10:44-48; 11:15-17)
- B. Purposes of Holy Spirit Baptism.
 - 1. Revelation and Confirmation (Acts 2:4).
 - 2. Special apostolic powers (Acts 8:17-18).
 - 3. At house of Cornelius (Acts 10:47; 11:12-18)

IV. Women Speakers.

- A. Silent in church (1 Cor. 14:34-35)
- B. Not to teach over man (1 Tim. 2:12)

Conclusion:

- A. If miracles and tongues today, do not need New Testament.
- B. If complete revelation, do not need miracles.