

Pentecostalism

Focusing on the Assemblies of God

The Azusa Street Revival

The Azusa Street Revival was a historic revival meeting that took place in Los Angeles, California. It was led by William J. Seymour, an African American preacher. It began with a meeting on April 9, 1906, and continued until roughly 1915. The revival was characterized by spiritual experiences accompanied with testimonies of physical healing miracles, worship services and speaking in tongues. The participants were criticized by some secular media and Christian theologians for behaviors considered to be outrageous and unorthodox, especially at the time. Today, the revival is considered by historians to be the primary catalyst for the spread of Pentecostalism in the 20th century.

Statement of Fundamental Truths

The Assemblies of God has 16 fundamental truths

In this presentation, only those that are unique and distinctive will be covered and discussed.

7. THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

All believers are entitled to and should ardently expect and earnestly seek the promise of the Father, the baptism in the Holy Spirit and fire, according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. This was the normal experience of all in the early Christian Church. With it comes the enduement of power for life and service, the bestowment of the gifts and their uses in the work of the ministry.

- Luke 24:49
- Acts 1:4
- Acts 1:8
- 1 Corinthians 12:1-31

With the baptism in the Holy Spirit come such experiences as:

an overflowing fullness of the Spirit, John 7:37-39, Acts 4:8

a deepened reverence for God, Acts 2:43, Hebrews 12:28

an intensified consecration to God and dedication to His work, Acts 2:42

and a more active love for Christ, for His Word and for the lost, Mark 16:20

8. THE INITIAL PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

The baptism of believers in the Holy Spirit is witnessed by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives them utterance.

“And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.” Acts 2:4

The speaking in tongues in this instance is the same in essence as the gift of tongues, but is different in purpose and use.

1 Corinthians 12:4-10

1 Corinthians 12:28

12. Divine Healing

Divine healing is an integral part of the gospel. Deliverance from sickness is provided for in the atonement, and is the privilege of all believers.

- Isaiah 53:4,5
- Matthew 8:16,17
- James 5:14-16

Summary

Spirit-filled, spirit-led

Passionate about missions and providing for needs of poor and marginalized

Global Growth - One in four Christians worldwide identifies as charismatic or pentecostal