

Christian Denominations: Pentecostal Movement

Learning Objectives:

All (L8-L4): will know what is meant by the Pentecostal Movement

Most (L8-L5): will be able to explain some things about the Pentecostal Movement

Some (L8-L6): will be able to analyse and evaluate aspects of the Pentecostal Movement



Key Words

- Salvation
- Sanctification
- Baptism in the Spirit
- Glossolalia – speaking in tongues
- Azuza Street
- Pentecost
- Apostolic Faith Church
- Baptism in the Spirit



Starter:

- Discuss with a partner.
- What important event in the New Testament is called 'Pentecost'?



Pentecostal Movement

- The Pentecostal Movement grew out of the teachings of the Methodist Church.
- Modern Pentecostalism is said to have begun on 1 January 1901, when Agnes Ozman, a student at Charles F. Parham's Bethel Bible School in Topeka, Kansas, spoke in tongues (the story is that she spoke in 'Chinese', and did not speak English again for several days).
- On 3 January, Parham and a dozen other students also spoke in tongues.
- Parham and his followers later moved to Texas and began a spiritual revival in 1905.
- This was followed by what became known as the Asuza Street revival, at the Apostolic Faith Gospel Mission in Azusa Street, Los Angeles, led by the African-American preacher William Joseph Seymour, who had studied with Parham.



Pentecostal Movement

- In 1906 Seymour said that God would 'send a new Pentecost' if people prayed for one, and was rewarded when he and his congregation began speaking in tongues.
- This event started a powerful religious revival driven by the three doctrines of salvation, sanctification and baptism in the Spirit.
- Over 13,000 people are said to have spoken in tongues in the first year.



Azuza Street Revival



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- The first Pentecostal church in the UK began in 1908 at the Emmanuel Mission Hall, Bournemouth.
- It became the headquarters of a network of Pentecostal churches which became known as the Apostolic Faith Church.

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- Speaking in tongues - *glossolalia*



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- Pentecostalism is based on a key event in the life of the early Christians: the baptism of the twelve disciples by the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost when they began to speak in tongues.
- Pentecostalism is a form of Christianity that emphasises the work of the Holy Spirit and the experience of God's presence by the believer.
- Pentecostals believe that faith must be experienced, and not something found merely through ritual or thinking.



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- Pentecostalism is energetic and dynamic.
- Its members believe they are driven by the power of God moving within them.
- Pentecostal churches stress the importance of conversions that amount to a *Baptism in the Spirit* and fill the believer with the Holy Spirit, which gives them the strength to live a truly Christian life.
- The direct experience of God is revealed by *gifts of the Spirit* such as speaking in tongues, prophecy and healing.



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By your side – Hillsong

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Treasure – Tree63

Music



- As you have been following this unit in Christian denominations you have heard several different types of music.
- Listen to them again and in your workbooks write down what each one makes you think or feel.

Gregorian Chant



Rejoice, the Lord is King



Eastern Orthodox Chant



Onward Christian Soldiers



Plenary

- In your books write down what you have learnt about Christian denominations which you did not know before you studied this topic.

