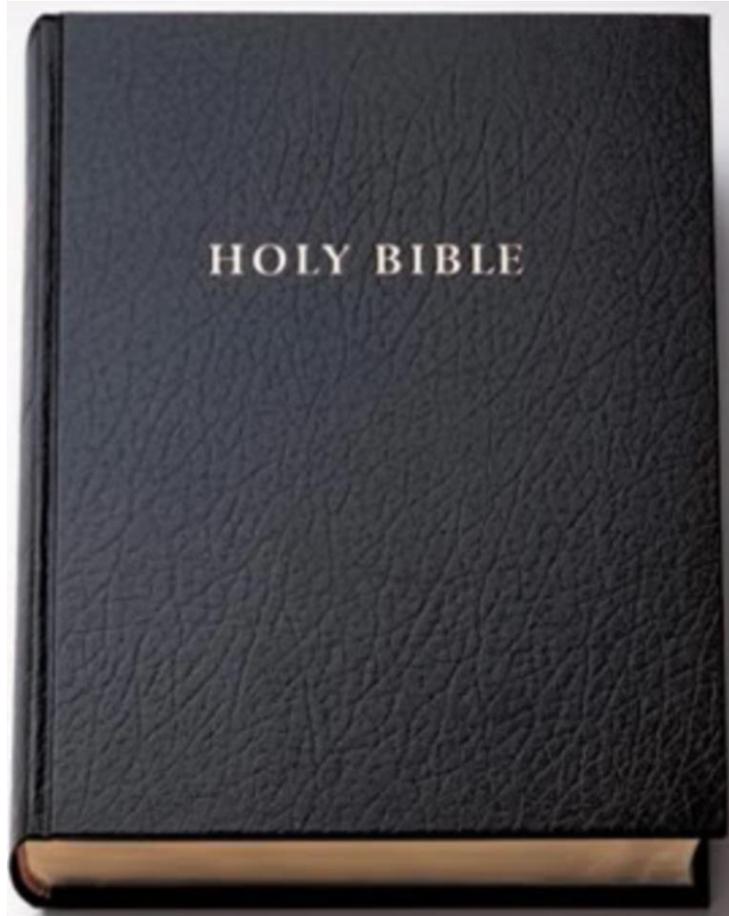


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A Study Guide On
The Charismatic Movement

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The Charismatic Movement

I) BACKGROUND

1) Past

1. The word *Charismatic* is a transliteration of the Greek word meaning "gifted"
2. Throughout church history, up until the turn of this century, there were virtually no Pentecostals/Charismatics
3. Charles F. Parham, the father of the modern Pentecostal movement, established the Bethel Healing Home (1898) and Bethel Bible College (1900) in Topeka, Kansas
4. The students were directed to research the Bible evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost
5. The unanimous agreement was that speaking in tongues was this evidence
6. One of the students, Agnes Ozman, spoke in tongues on January 1, 1901; henceforth, Pentecostals were to teach that the baptism of the Holy Ghost was an experience to be sought and to be verified by speaking in tongues
7. Charles Parham established the Houston Bible School (1905) in Houston, Texas; one of his students, a negro Holiness preacher named W. J. Seymour, was invited to preach at a Nazarene church in Los Angeles, California
8. Seymour was locked out of the Nazarene church due to his extreme preaching; consequently, he began to hold meetings at 214 Bonnie Brae Street

9. At one of these meetings, seven received the "baptism of the Holy Ghost" and spoke in tongues
10. The meetings were moved to 312 Azusa Street, which later became home to the Azusa Street Mission (1910) and the ministry of Aimee Semple McPherson (1920-1940)
11. The development of Pentecostal congregations led to a convention in Hot Springs, Arkansas (1914); from this convention came the formation of the Assemblies of God, the largest Pentecostal denomination
12. Pentecostalism spread into the Christian Businessmen's Fellowship (1945-1950) and converted it into the "Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship" (1950-1970)
13. The movement received tremendous publicity and acceptance through the "ministry" of Kathryn Kuhlman (1965-1975); whose crusades were highlighted by numerous individuals being "slain in the Spirit"

2) Present

1. The Pentecostal/Charismatic movement is the fastest growing movement within "Christianity"
2. Many denominations have grown out of the Pentecostal/Charismatic movement such as, Pentecostals, Holiness, Apostolic, Church of God, Church of God in Christ, the Assemblies of God, and many, if not most, of the non-denomination community churches
3. The ten largest churches (not Sunday schools) in the world are Charismatic

4. The Pentecostal/Charismatic movement dominates the media in the West and controls much of the television (e.g.- Trinity Broadcasting Network; Christian Broadcasting Network) and radio transmissions
5. Most Christian bookstores are owned by Pentecostals/Charismatics
6. Statistician David Howard estimates that 80% of all "conversions" are Charismatic; and that 372,000,000 professing Christians worldwide (approximately one out of every five) identify themselves with the Pentecostal/Charismatic movement
7. The only obvious difference between Pentecostalism and the Charismatic movement is that Pentecostalism is a distinct denomination of professing Christianity, while the Charismatic movement crosses all denominations, including the Roman Catholics and "Baptists" ! (i.e.- all Pentecostals are Charismatics, but not all Charismatics are Pentecostals)
8. Charismatics are unified by a common EXPERIENCE as opposed to common DOCTRINE (the scripture is interpreted in light of experiences and feelings, instead of experiences and feelings being interpreted in light of scripture); this makes the movement radically ecumenical

II) BELIEFS

THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST/SPEAKING IN TONGUES

1) Assertion

1. The baptism of the Holy Ghost is the same as being filled with the Holy Spirit

"Notice that, although Jesus had said in Acts 1:5 that the disciples would be '*baptized* with the Holy Ghost,' Acts 2:4 states they were '*filled* with the Holy Ghost.' Evidently the terms 'baptized' and 'filled' are interchangeable in this case. When one is 'baptized' with the Spirit he is 'filled' with Spirit..." (*Filled With The Spirit*, Robert C. Cunningham, p.9)

2. The baptism of the Holy Ghost is the same as the baptism of fire

"...He shall baptize you with the HOLY GHOST, AND WITH FIRE" (Matt 3:11)

"And there appeared unto them cloven TONGUES like as OF FIRE, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST..." (Acts 2:3-4)

3. Speaking in tongues is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost

"And they were all FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST, and began to SPEAK WITH OTHER TONGUES, as the Spirit gave them utterance." (Acts 2:4)

"...The HOLY GHOST FELL ON ALL THEM which heard the word...For they heard them SPEAK WITH TONGUES..." (Acts 10:44,46)

"And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the HOLY GHOST CAME ON THEM; and they SPAKE WITH TONGUES, and prophesied" (Acts 19:6)

"One immediate and spectacular sign of being baptized with the Holy Ghost is 'speaking with other tongues'." (*Filled With The Spirit*, Robert C. Cunningham, p.30)

4. The gift of tongues is to speak in a (prayer) language known to God but not to man

"For with STAMMERING LIPS AND ANOTHER TONGUE will he speak to this people" (Isa 28:11)

"Though I speak with the TONGUES of men and OF ANGELS..." (1 Cor 13:1)

"He that SPEAKETH IN AN UNKNOWN TONGUE SPEAKETH not unto men, but UNTO GOD...For if I PRAY IN AN UNKNOWN TONGUE, my SPIRIT PRAYETH..." (1 Cor 14:2,14)

"...For we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the SPIRIT itself maketh intercession for us WITH GROANINGS which cannot be uttered" (Rom 8:26)

"It (speaking in tongues) is the supernatural utterance by the Holy Spirit in languages never learned by the speaker, nor understood by the speaker, and nearly always not understood by the hearer" (Harold Horton)

"This (speaking in tongues) is supernatural utterance in tongues that are unknown to the speaker, but known somewhere in the universe, or they would not be languages...Tongues may be that of men or of angels (1 Cor 13:1-3)...Tongues is the provision of God to communicate and edify man's spirit and strengthen the inner man (1 Cor 14:2-4)." (*God's Plan For Man*, Finis J. Dake, p.472-473)

5. The baptism of the Holy Ghost/speaking in tongues is something all Christians should seek and pray for today

"...Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be ENDUED WITH POWER from on high...These all continued with one accord in PRAYER and supplication...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." (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:14; 2:1-2)

"Speaking in tongues is, in fact, the highest spiritual exercise of which a mortal man is capable." (*Filled With The Spirit*, Robert C. Cunningham, p.34)

"...It is God's desire that speaking in tongues be practiced by all..." (*God's Plan For Man*, Finis J. Dake, p.473)

2) Answer

1. The baptism of the Holy Ghost is not the same as being filled with the Spirit

The Baptism Of The Holy Ghost	The Filling Of The Holy Spirit
The Spirit comes upon and in the believer	The Spirit abides within the believer
Occurs once at salvation	Occurs many times after salvation
Experienced by all believers	Not experienced by all believers
Occurs when the believer receives the Spirit	Occurs when the believer yields to the Spirit
Imparts the power to live the Christian life	Implements the power to live the Christian life
Makes the Christian life possible	Makes the Christian life practical
Associated with the anointing of the Spirit	Not associated with the anointing of the Spirit

- It is a baptism of all believers (Acts 1:5; 11:15-17) by Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit (Matt 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16)
- It occurs once at salvation (Acts 11:15-17)
- It is equivalent to the Holy Spirit coming/falling UPON the believer (Acts 1:4-5) c.f. (Luke 24:49; Acts 10:43-45; 11:14-18); the believer RECEIVING the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:14-17; 10:44-47; 19:1-6); and the believer being ANOINTED with the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:38) c.f. (Luke 3:22; 2 Cor 1:21; 1 John 2:27) into the three-fold office of prophet (Rev 19:10), priest (Heb 13:15-16; 1 Pet 2:9), and king (Rev 1:6)

- The Holy Ghost is the Father's promise and gift to the believer so they will not only have the desire to do the will of God, but also the power to perform it.
- The baptism of the Holy Spirit endues power to live the life God has called us to live (Acts 1:8; 4:33; 1 Cor 2:4; 2 Cor 12:9-10; 1 The 1:5; 2 Tim 1:7)

NOTE: The demonstration of spiritual power in ministry (1 Cor 2:4; 1 The 1:5) is not due to the minister being ANOINTED with the Holy Spirit, but FILLED with the Holy Spirit.

2. It is not the same as the baptism of fire (Matt 3:7-12)

The Baptism Of The Holy Ghost	The Baptism Of Fire
Associated with believers (“HIS wheat)	Associated with unbelievers (“the chaff”)
Associated with salvation (“gather”)	Associated with judgment and damnation (“fire”; “the wrath to come”)

3. Speaking in tongues immediately followed the baptism of the Holy Ghost on only three documented occasions (Acts 2; 10; 19) as a sign to Jews present

- Tongues are one of the apostolic sign gifts (2 Cor 12:12; Mark 16:17-18)
- To the Jew because they require a sign to believe (John 4:48; 1 Cor 1:22; 14:22)
- For confirming the word (new revelation) preached by the apostles (Mark 16:20)
- For confirming that the Holy Spirit was given in fulfillment of Christ's promise (Acts 1:5; 2:4)
- For confirming that the Holy Spirit was given to Gentile believers as well as Jewish believers (Acts 10:44-47)
- For confirming that the baptism of John was no longer valid (Acts 19:1-6)

- For declaring the wonderful works of God in the language of the hearer (i.e.- not unknown tongues) (Acts 2:11)
 - There are Jews present every time tongues are spoken in the Bible (Acts 2:5; 10:45; 19:10)
4. The words “tongue(s)” and “unknown tongue(s)” always refer to earthly LANGUAGES spoken by men (Acts 2:4,6,8-11)
- Unknown tongues are simply languages that are foreign to the speaker and/or hearer (hence, the gift of interpretation); not an angelic language (1 Cor 14:2,5,13,27-28)
 - The gift of tongues was to be exercised in accordance with the commandments of the Lord (1 Cor 14:37)
 - Only two or three in the church can speak in tongues (1 Cor 14:27)
 - They must speak one at a time (1 Cor 14:27)
 - There must be an interpreter present if the tongue is unknown (1 Cor 14:27)
 - If there is no interpreter, there can be no speaking in tongues (1 Cor 14:28)
 - Women cannot speak in tongues in the church (1 Cor 14:34)
 - All things are to be done decently and in order (1 Cor 14:40)

NOTE: The Charismatic practice of speaking in tongues rarely, if ever, complies with the commands given above. Would the Holy Spirit move someone to act contrary to his word?

5. True born again Christians do not need to pray for the baptism of the Holy Ghost because they already have the Holy Ghost; and they do not need to seek the gift of speaking in tongues because all the sign gifts have temporarily ceased
- Because tongues are a sign to the Jew and the Jew has been temporarily set aside (1 Cor 1:22; 14:22; Rom 11:25)

- Because of the completion and availability of the word of God (1 Cor 13:8-10; 2 Pet 1:19-21); one must believe the word of God, not signs, to be saved (Luke 16:30-31)
- Church history attests to the fact that tongues has ceased; there is no record of any professing Christians speaking in tongues until the 17th century; since then those associated with the practice include Quakers and Mormons.
- Those who are possessed with demons (e.g.-shamans) are known to speak in tongues
- Tongues may be manifest by the 144,000 in the Tribulation when the church is taken out of the world and Israel returns to a place of prominence (Acts 2:15-21)

DIVINE HEALING

1) Assertion

1. All sickness is the result of sin; therefore, since Jesus Christ died for our sins, physical healing is part of the blood atonement

"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and WITH HIS STRIPES WE ARE HEALED" (Isa 53:5)

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness; By WHOSE STRIPES YE WERE HEALED" (1 Pet 2:24)

"...Himself took our infirmities, and BARE OUR SICKNESSES" (Matt 8:17)

"Sickness came as a result, and certainly sin is removed by the atonement of Jesus Christ, or it has no remedy (Isa 53; Matt 8:16-17; 1 Pet 2:24)...Forgiveness of sins and healing of the body go hand in hand,

and both were provided for at the same time and by the same means (Isa 6:10; 53:1-12; Matt 9:1-8; Jam 5:14)...Through the brazen serpent many were healed (Num 21:7-9). This was a type of Christ who came to give the same benefits of forgiveness and healing by hanging on a tree to make full atonement for the curse (John 2:14)...Sickness is declared to be the work of Satan (Job 2:6-7; Luke 13:16; John 10:10; Acts 10:38; Rom 5:12-21). Since Christ came to destroy the works of the devil through his atoning work, then healing must be in the atonement (1 John 3:8)" (*God's Plan For Man*, Finis J. Dake, p.246-247)

2. A lack of physical healing is evidence of a lack of faith

"And he did not many mighty works there because of their UNBELIEF" (Matt 13:58)

"A very common excuse for unbelief is that some persons are sick for God's glory (John 9:1-3; 11:4)...Another common excuse for unbelief is that the sick one is under the chastening of God and that it would be presumptuous to ask God to heal under those circumstances (Heb 12:5-10)...Another excuse for unbelief is the claim that it is not always God's will to heal...Healing is always of God and is always His will...Sick people should ask God to forgive their unbelief even when they are only tempted to question the will of God concerning healing...Another excuse made for unbelief is that healing is not in the atonement because all saints are not healed...One of the most insensible and foolish arguments of unbelief today is that divine healing, gifts of the Spirit, miracles, and all supernatural inspiration and manifestations ceased in 64 A.D... Everyone who has faith will be healed without exception" (*God's Plan For Man*, Finis J. Dake, p.248-254,259)

3. Divine healing is available today and can be administered through the laying on of hands

"...They shall LAY HANDS ON THE SICK, AND THEY SHALL RECOVER" (Mark 16:18)

"...Paul entered in, and prayed, and LAID HIS HANDS ON HIM, and HEALED him" (Acts 28:8)

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever" (Heb 13:8)

2) Answer

1. The healing that is in the atonement is spiritual (Isa 6:9-10; Matt 13:15; Mark 4:12; 1 Pet 2:24); besides, if physical healing is in the atonement then:

- There is no need for Charismatic "healers" because Christians can simply claim the promise of the atonement by faith and be healed
- A Christian who has been healed from a particular sickness (e.g.-cancer) should never get the same sickness again
- No Christian should ever die; all physical deaths are caused by some sickness or frailty
- Why would the Lord heal one person and not another, if both have full faith to be healed? If healing were in the atonement, the fact that not all that have faith are healed would cause us to question whether all who call upon the name of Lord are saved

2. Divine healing can take place regardless of the faith, or the lack thereof, of the individual (Matt 13:58; Mark 6:5-6)

3. God can and does heal today but it is in accordance to his will and the prayer of faith of the individual (Jam 5:14-15), not because someone with the gift healing lays hands on the individual; the gift of healing (like all sign gifts) has ceased

- It served as a Messianic sign during the ministry of Jesus Christ; proving he was the Messiah (Isa 35:5-6; Matt 11:2-6)

- It served as a sign to the Jew confirming the ministry of the apostles (Mark 16:17-20)
- Although Paul had the gift of healing (Acts 19:11-12), toward the end of his ministry he could not heal:
 - Himself (2 Cor 12:7-10)
 - Epaphroditus (Phl 2:25-30)
 - Timothy (1 Tim 5:23)
 - Trophimus (2 Tim 4:20)

ETERNAL SECURITY

1) Assertion

1. It is possible for a born again Christian to lose his salvation

"The Bible does teach conditional eternal security, which is the only kind of security a sane man can expect and a just God can tolerate and promise...Teachers of unconditional security, like teachers of other false doctrines, do away with all Scriptures that are not in harmony with their pet theory...Unconditional securityites say, 'A believer can never be lost. If anyone is lost he was never saved...Eternal life would not be eternal if it could be lost. Would salvation be salvation if it could be lost? If a single saved man is ever lost, God has failed...Christ is insufficient to keep them saved and God is unfaithful to them...Once in grace always in grace and once a son always a son is perfectly scriptural.' These statements from prominent men in religious circles in America are some of the most unwise and unscriptural ones of any that we have ever read. They are the basis of a theory that violates the law of God, nature, and logic...Just because a man is once saved from sin and Hell is no sign that he cannot go back into sin and be lost again and finally go to Hell...There is no such thing as once in grace always in grace unless one stays in grace by obedience to the gospel...eternal life is given to man when he gets into Christ and it is his as long as he remains in Christ" (*God's Plan For Man*, Finis J. Dake, p.657,666,668)

"Millions believe the doctrine of unconditional eternal security and will die and go to hell because they make no pretense at living for God...What kind of fruit does it bear? It fosters slack living, gives vent to gross living and millions of people today make no pretense at living for God whatsoever, yet, 'think' they are saved because someone told them if they once had it, they could never lose it. These people are no service whatsoever to the work of God. Their lives are examples of unrighteousness instead of righteousness. They are going to hell because they believe a lie. Millions are already in hell because of that particular doctrine...it teaches that when the rapture takes place, millions of Christians will eave out of nightclubs, road houses, gambling dens, even Christians in the act of committing adultery...will be transformed and immediately go to be with Jesus. Now this is what I mean by this doctrine being Satanic." (Jimmy Swaggart, 1983)

"But WHEN THE RIGHTEOUS TURNETH AWAY from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, SHALL HE LIVE? All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned: in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and IN HIS SIN THAT HE HATH SINNED, IN THEM SHALL HE DIE" (Eze 18:24)

"But he that shall ENDURE UNTO THE END, the same shall be saved" (Matt 24:13)

"If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and CAST THEM INTO THE FIRE, and they are burned" (John 15:6)

"But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be A CASTAWAY" (1 Cor 9:27)

"My little children, of whom I travail in BIRTH AGAIN until Christ be formed in you" (Gal 4:19)

"Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; YE ARE FALLEN FROM GRACE" (Gal 5:4)

"For IT IS IMPOSSIBLE for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, TO RENEW THEM AGAIN UNTO REPENTANCE; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame" (Heb 6:4-6)

"For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, THERE REMAINETH NO MORE SACRIFICE FOR SINS" (Heb 10:26)

"Looking diligently lest any man FAIL OF THE GRACE OF GOD; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled" (Heb 12:15)

"For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, THEY ARE AGAIN ENTANGLED THEREIN, and overcome, THE LATTER END IS WORSE WITH THEN THAN THE BEGINNING. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them" (2 Pet 2:20-21)

2) Answer

1. The born again Christian is eternally secure and cannot lose his salvation
 - The born again Christian HATH (present tense) everlasting life (John 3:36; 5:24; 6:47; 1 John 5:12-13)

- We are graven upon the palms of the Lord's hands (Isa 49:16) and no man can pluck us out (John 10:27-29)
- We are kept by the power of God through faith (not works) (2 Tim 1:12; 1 Pet 1:5; 4:19; Jude 24)
- We are sealed with the Holy Spirit unto the day of redemption (Eph 1:14; 4:30) and he bears witness with our spirit that we ARE (present tense) the children of God (Rom 8:16)
- The "proof texts" used to teach that the saved can lose their salvation usually refer to the loss of rewards or physical life due to sin; or refer to apostates, who are not truly saved

FAITH AND PROSPERITY (i.e.- the “Positive Faith Movement”; the “Prosperity Gospel”)

1) Assertion

1. Faith is a force that both God and man can use

"That's what you've got to learn to do to get things from God: Have faith in your faith. It would help you get faith down in your spirit to say out loud: 'Faith in my faith.' Keep saying it until it registers in your heart. I know it sounds strange when you first say it; your mind almost rebels against it." (*Having Faith In Your Faith*, Kenneth Hagin, p.5)

"Faith is a force just like electricity or gravity...We have all the capabilities of God. We have his faith." (Kenneth Copeland)

"...It (faith) is the substance out of which God creates whatever is. God uses faith, and so may we in exactly the same way in order to produce the same results through obedience to the same 'laws of faith' that God applied in creation. You have the same ability (as God has) dwelling or residing on the inside of you....You see, sometimes when I start teaching on this folks will say it sounds like Christian Science...It's not Christian Science. I like what Brother Hagin says, 'IT'S CHRISTIAN

SENSE'!" (*The Tongue- A Creative Force*, Charles Capps, p.12,17,26-27,131-132)

2. The force of faith is released by verbal confession

"Words are the most powerful thing in the universe because they are containers that carry faith or fear and they produce after their kind. God operates by these very same laws. God had faith in His own words. God had faith in His faith, because He spoke words of faith and they came to pass. The God-kind-of-faith is released by the words of your mouth. Creative power was in God's mouth. It is in your mouth also." (*The Tongue- A Creative Force*, Charles Capps, p.7,30,56,129,135)

3. A Christian will get what he confesses

"You get what you say...They're (his two children) 30-some years of age today, and I don't believe I prayed more than half a dozen times for both of them in all these years. Why? Because you can have what you say- and I have already said it!" (*Words*, Kenneth Hagin, p.9-10)

"Remember, the key to receiving the desires of your heart is to make the words of your mouth agree with what you want." (*God's Will Is Prosperity*, Gloria Copeland, p.85)

"Whatever comes out of your mouth shall be produced in your life." (*God's Laws of Success*, Robert Tilton, p.114)

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue" (Pro 18:21)

"According to your faith be it unto you" (Matt 9:29)

"And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, IF YE HAVE FAITH as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it

shall remove; and NOTHING SHALL BE IMPOSSIBLE UNTO YOU" (Matt 17:20)

"Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, IF YE HAVE FAITH, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; IT SHALL BE DONE. And ALL THINGS, whatsoever YE SHALL ASK in prayer, believing, YE SHALL RECEIVE" (Matt 21:18-22)

4. Faith is a seed, that if planted, will bring forth financial prosperity; all those who are not wealthy, are not right with God

"If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures" (Job 36:11)

"You give \$1 for the Gospel's sake and \$100 belongs to you; you give \$10 and receive \$1000; give \$1000 and receive \$100,000. I know that you can multiply, but I want you to see it in black and white...Give one airplane and receive one hundred times the value of the airplane. Give one car and the return would furnish you a lifetime of cars. In short, Mark 10:30 is a very good deal." (*God's Will Is Prosperity*, Gloria Copeland, p.54)

"But HE SHALL RECEIVE AN HUNDREDFOLD NOW IN THIS TIME, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life" (Mark 10:30)

"Yes, yes, yes! A thousand times yes! I want to get healed, I want to get well, I want to get money, I want to get prosperous!" (Kenneth Copeland)

"Beloved, I wish above all things THAT THOU MAYEST PROSPER and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth" (3 John 2)

2) Answer

1. Faith is never described as a “force” in the Bible- **"Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen"** (Heb 11:1)
2. A Christian's riches are SPIRITUAL not material (Eph 1:3); and they are in GLORY (Phl 4:19) not on the earth
 - The TRUE riches (Luke 16:11)
 - The UNSEARCHABLE riches (Eph 3:8)
 - Not DECEITFUL, UNCERTAIN, or CORRUPT riches (Mark 4:19; 1 Tim 6:17; Jam 5:2)
3. Material wealth is not a measure of spirituality (Rev 2:9; 3:17)
4. It is not FAITH that can bring physical prosperity, but FAITHFULNESS (1 Cor 4:2; Luke 16:10; 19:24-26)

NOTE: Christians are warned of the dangers and vanity of seeking material wealth (Pro 23:4; Ecc 5:11; Matt 6:19-21; 1 Tim 6:10,17)

HERESIES TAUGHT BY SOME CHARISMATIC TEACHERS

1) A denial of the deity of Christ

“Jesus was not God in the incarnate state...hadn't come to earth as God...He had no innate supernatural powers" (Kenneth Copeland)

“Jesus forfeited His deity for a season" (Frederick Price)

“Jesus gave up His power and authority as God to come to earth" (Marilyn Hickey)

2) A denial of the blood atonement of Christ

"But we hold that the physical death of Jesus did not touch the sin issue at all...Satan had conquered Jesus on the Cross" (E.W. Kenyon)

"Physical death would not remove our sins...The cross is actually a place of defeat" (Kenneth Hagin)

"When His blood poured out, it did not atone... Folks, the cross ought to be behind you, the cross was a place of defeat" (Kenneth Copeland)

3) Regarding the death of Christ

"When Jesus died, His spirit was taken by the Adversary (Satan), and carried to the place where the sinner's spirit goes when he dies...He became one with Satan in spiritual death to make us one with God in spiritual life" (E.W. Kenyon)

"Spiritual death also means having Satan's nature...Jesus tasted death-spiritual death- for every man...He went down into hell in our place" (Kenneth Hagin)

"This little spiritually dead, sin emancipated, sick thing (Jesus!) that had borne your sicknesses and diseases and your sins..." (Kenneth Copeland)

4) Denial of the sinful nature of man

"A person is in hell when he has lost his self-esteem...I don't think anything has been done in the name of Christ and under the banner of Christianity that has proven more destructive to human personality and, hence, counterproductive to the evangelism enterprise than the often crude, uncouth, and unchristian strategy of attempting to make people aware of their lost and sinful condition" (Robert Schuller)

5) Deification of man

"Just as dogs have puppies and cats have kittens, so God has little gods...until we comprehend that we are little gods and we begin to act like little gods, we cannot manifest the kingdom of God" (Earl Paulk)

"And you impart humanity into a child that's born of you...because you are a human, you have imparted the nature of humanity into that born child. God is God. He is a Spirit...and He imparted in you when you were born again- Peter said it just as plain, he said, 'We are partakers of the Divine Nature.' That Nature is alive eternal in absolute perfection, and that was imparted, injected into your spirit man, and you have that imparted into you by God just the same as you imparted into your child the nature of humanity...You don't have a God in you. You are one." (Kenneth Copeland)

These heretical and blasphemous beliefs do not even deserve a response. The scripture very plainly and directly teaches the contrary.

CONCLUSION

The Charismatic/Pentecostal movement is a true ecumenical movement. It lures unsuspecting, and often sincere, individuals by its combination of "fundamentalism" and "enthusiasm". Its emphasis on "feelings", "experiences", and "signs" rather than on the word of God have earned it favor and acceptance in almost ALL professing Christianity, including the Roman Catholic Church and the Mormon Church.

There is no doubt that the true gospel is preached by many Pentecostals and a number of the reported "conversions" are genuine (to the glory of God), but that does not excuse the fact that they have changed the truth of God into a lie in many important doctrines.

In dealing with Pentecostals, we must be careful not to assume they are truly born-again. Remember, they could be trusting in a feeling or an experience, rather than the Savior. If they are able to give a Biblical

testimony of salvation, do not waste time arguing or debating doctrine with them. If they are open to the truth, the Holy Spirit will lead you in that direction and give you peace about discussing doctrine. Follow the Spirit's guidance and deal with them in Christian love. They may not be sound in their doctrine, but if they are truly saved, they are our brothers and sisters in Christ.