

(4) United Pentecostal Church International
(Year reported -1985)

- (a) Date of Beginning -1945 when the Pentecostal church, Inc. and the Pentecostal Assemblies of Jesus Christ merged.
- (b) Headquarters -Hazelwood, Missouri.
- (c) Churches in the U.S. -3,408.
- (d) Inclusive Membership in U.S.-500,000
- (e) Ordained Clergy in the U.S. -6,796
- (f) Doctrines:

- 1. This church doesn't believe in three separate, coequal and co-eternal members of the Godhead, but rather in one God who manifested Himself as the Father in creation, the Son in redemption, and the Holy Spirit in regeneration. This church believes Jesus is the name of this absolute deity and that water baptism should be administered only in His name. Thus people who had been previously baptized in the name of the Triune God had to be rebaptized in the name of Jesus when they joined this church.

Note: This Pentecostal type of unitarianism is sometimes called the "Jesus Only" movement. Most Pentecostal bodies, including the Assemblies of God, have repudiated this teaching.

- ii. This church believes that repentance, baptism in water by immersion in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the initial sign of speaking with other tongues are necessary for full salvation.
- iii. This church believes that such things as mixed bathing, make-up, worldly sports and amusement, television sets, and women cutting their hair are wrong. In a booklet put out by this denomination entitled THE HAIR QUESTION, fifteen reasons are given why women should have long hair. Thus this church has a very strict moral code.