

II. Significance of Tongue-Speaking

A. For Pentecostals

It signifies the baptism of the Holy Spirit

1. Views of what is necessary before one may receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit which is accompanied by tongue-speaking

- a. Salvation and entire sanctification
(the teaching that one is completely purified from indwelling sin in an instantaneous experience)

(1) This view was held by:

(a) Parham

(b) Seymour and other preachers during the Azusa Street revival that started in 1906

(2) This view is currently held by:

(a) The Church of God in Christ

(b) The Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee)

(c) The Pentecostal Holiness Church

- b. Salvation

This view is held by the majority of Pentecostals today. Thus the majority of Pentecostals consider the baptism of the Holy Spirit to be a "second work of grace" after salvation.

Note In the beginning the the Pentecostal movement, the Pentecostals taught that both salvation and entire sanctification were necessary before one could receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit so that the baptism of the Holy Spirit was a "third work of grace" after salvation and entire sanctification. In the course of time, however, there was a shift in the Pentecostal teaching so that today the majority of Pentecostals teach that only salvation is necessary before one can receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

2. Necessity for the baptism of the Holy Spirit

It is commanded by the Lord Jesus Christ.

The first part of Article 7 of the Statement of Fundamental Truths which is the doctrinal statement of the Assemblies of God says, "All believers are entitled to and should ardently expect and earnestly seek the promise of the Father, the baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire, according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ.