

Pentecostalism

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- Roughly 280 million members worldwide
- Comes out of the Methodist holiness movement
- Charles Parham and William Seymour are key founders
- Major historical, founding event: Azusa Street Revival
- Church of God, Assemblies of God, and the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel (etc.)

- First Assembly of God, Lee's Summit, with thanks to Pastor Roger Horne
- 39 across Kansas City (6 Assemblies of God)

Material Principle

LCMS

- Justification by grace through faith in Jesus Christ

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- Pr. Horne – Personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- Baptism of the Holy Spirit accompanied by the necessary sign of speaking in tongues
- Restoring the four blessings of the full Gospel:
 - Christ as Savior
 - Christ as Sanctifier
 - Christ as Healer
 - Christ as Coming King

Formal Principle

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- Scripture (OT and NT)

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- Scripture is primary
- Special revelation is secondary (Holy Spirit's gift to guide the church)

God

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- Biblical Trinity

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- Some are “Jesus-only” Pentecostals, who believe there is only one divine person who chose to become incarnate

The Person of Jesus

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- Incarnation
- Both God and man

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- Except Jesus-only people – no man

The Work of Jesus

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- Redemption
- Reconciliation
- Vicarious Satisfaction/Atonement
- Savior

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- Full Gospel

Doctrine of Man

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- Fallen sinners in need of redemption, of salvation
- Original sin
- Bondage of the Will
- Total depravity

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- Fallen sinners in need of redemption, of salvation
- Partial depravity – retain free will in spiritual matters
- Decision Theology

Salvation/Justification

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- Ephesians 2:8-9
- Grace Alone
- Faith Alone

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- SCURF
 - Synergism
 - Conditional Predestination
 - Unlimited Atonement
 - Resistable Grace
 - Fall from Grace
- Full Gospel
 - Christ as Savior
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Sacraments

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- A means of grace
- Commanded by Christ
- With a visible element
 - Baptism
 - Lord's Supper
 - Absolution

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- Ordinances
- Symbols only
 - Baptism
 - Lord's Supper
 - Foot washing ceremony

Assurance

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- Points you to the means of grace:
 - Baptism
 - Lord's Supper
 - Absolution
- Not based on you or your works, but on God and what He has done for you.

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- Point to Romans 8
- His Spirit bears witness with ours that we are children of God
- Put on the new man
- Work out your own salvation
- Marriage contract illustration
- Deciding to operate with the fruits of the Spirit
- Personal determination

Church and Ministry

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- Church as the Body of Christ
- Visible and invisible church
- Marks of the Church – Preaching and the sacraments
- One divinely instituted office – the Preaching Office or the Office of the Keys
- Auxiliary offices are rooted in the Office

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- Church as the Body of Christ
- Congregationalist (AoG), although some are episcopalian
- Church of God group claims to be succession of the apostolic church

Last Things

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- Life after Death
- Bodily Resurrection
- Amillennial

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- Life after Death
- Bodily Resurrection
- Premillennial and dispensational

Current Cultural Topics

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- Role of Women in the Church
- Age of the earth
- Abortion
- In Vitro Fertilization
- Cohabitation
- Same-sex Marriage

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Miscellaneous

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- That was 1st Wave, a.k.a. Old Pentecostals (12% of Pentecostals)
- Neo-Pentecostalism - 2nd Wave (33%) and 3rd Wave (55%) have great diversity, but are very charismatic movements
- 2nd Wave – aka the Charismatic movement, saw Pentecostal teaching and practice enter into other denominations. A notable tradition is the “Word of Faith” (name-it-claim-it) movement.

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- 3rd Wave – Signs and Wonders movement, teaches power evangelism, that the preaching of the gospel must by necessity be accompanied by signs and wonders for a person to respond in faith. Hence, the focus on miracles, healing, speaking in tongues.
- The 7-Second Prayer (decision)
 - Lord Jesus, forgive me of my sins, come into my hear, and give me new life. In Jesus' name, Amen.