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"Holy Yoga"

By Terry Carter

A couple of days ago I passed a church building whose sign announced "Holy Yoga". At first my mind went back to the Batman television show from the 1960's. I could imagine Robin saying, "Holy yoga Batman, how did we ever get ourselves into this position?" After that moment of lightheartedness, I asked myself if there really is any such thing as "holy yoga".

It seems that we live in a world where people believe we can Christianize and sanctify anything by simply putting the word "holy" in front of it. That supposedly makes it acceptable for Christians who are trying to be holy as we are commanded to do. But does that really make anything holy? Who gets to decide what is holy and what is not? Is it man or God who decides?

I think it is clear that God decides, not man. After all, He is Holy. Surely we can agree that there is no such thing as "holy lying", "holy stealing", "holy coveting", "holy fornication", etc. It takes more than putting the word "holy" in front of something to actually make it Holy.

So what about yoga? Is it holy? Can it be made holy? The topic is too broad to deal with thoroughly in such a short article, but consider the following:

The **Merriam-Webster Dictionary** defines yoga as, "A Hindu theistic philosophy teaching the suppression of all activity of body, mind, and will in order that the self may realize its distinction from them and obtain liberation."

The **American Heritage College Dictionary** defines yoga as, "A Hindu discipline aimed at training the consciousness for a state of perfect spiritual insight and tranquility".

Compton's Interactive Encyclopedia defines yoga as, "One of the systems of orthodox Hindu philosophy, Yoga, which is Sanskrit for 'union,' seeks the union of the

individual with the divine by means of exercise, breathing, posture, diet, and meditation. The most popular form of yoga, particularly in the Western world, is a type called hatha-yoga. Those who practice hatha-yoga seek to improve their health and sense of well-being by learning body control through a series of breathing exercises, by assuming special postures, and through concentration."

The 1964 **Encyclopedia Britannica** says the following in its article on yoga: "Hatha Yoga is based on a fantastic physiological theory, teaching the existence of a dormant divine potency, called *kundalini*, "the serpent power," at the base of the spine.

A vein known as *sushumna*, runs through the backbone, linking the *kundalini*, by way of six psychic centers (called *chakras*, or "wheels") with the supreme center of psychic power at the top of the skull, called *sahasrara*, and described as a lotus with a thousand petals. The aim of a yogi, according to this system, should be to raise the feminine *kundalini* through the vein *sushumna* from one *chakra* to another until at last it unites with the masculine *sahasrara*, when full salvation is achieved."

The exercises and practice of yoga were not designed for the physical effects they produce on our body as much as for the spiritual effects they were thought to have on our minds and souls.

There are lots of effective exercise programs out there without all the Hindu, serpent power baggage. There is simply no need to dabble in such paganism.

God told the Israelites not to worship Him in the way the heathen nations worshipped their gods. He calls it "an abomination", **Deuteronomy 12:1-4, 29-32**.

Paul reminded Timothy that bodily exercise profits little, but godliness is profitable for all things, **I Timothy 4:8**.

If we really want to be holy, we ought to focus more on godliness and less on pagan practices.



Baptism in Water or Baptized with the Spirit? Is There a Difference?

--By George L. Faull, Rel. D.

Proposition:

Unlike water baptism, the baptism of the Holy Spirit is a **promise** Jesus was to do and **not a command** which men were to do.

Matthew 3:11, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but **He** who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. **He** will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." NKJV

A. If the baptism of the Holy Spirit is a command, where is it commanded?

~ **If it was a command, where are we shown how we are to do it?**

~ **If it was a promise, to whom was it a promise?**
Acts 1:4-5, "4 And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," *He said*, "you have heard from Me; 5 "for John truly baptized with water, **but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.**" NKJV

~ **If the promise was received, what did those who received the promise, receive?**

Acts 1:8, "**But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;** and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." NKJV

~ **If it was a promise, who was the giver of the promise?**

Acts 1:4, "And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, **but to wait for the Promise of the Father**, "which," *He said*, "you have heard from Me;" NKJV

Acts 2:33, "Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, **and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit**, He poured out this which you now see and hear." NKJV

~ **If it was promised, who would be the baptizer?**

Matthew 3:11, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but **He** (*Jesus*) who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. **He** will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." NKJV

B. Now as for water Baptism:

~ **If it was commanded, where is it commanded?**

Acts 22:16, "And now why are you waiting? **Arise and be baptized**, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord." NKJV

~ **If it was commanded, where are we shown how we are to do it?**

Acts 8:38, "So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And **both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him.**" NKJV

~ **If it was commanded, where are the promises to everyone who obeyed it?**

Acts 2:38-39, "38 Then Peter said to them, Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ **for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.** 39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." NKJV
(The Holy Spirit is the gift.)

~ **If it was commanded, what did those who received it receive?**

Colossians 2:12-13, "12 buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with *Him* through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, **having forgiven you all trespasses,**" NKJV

~ **If it was commanded, who is the giver of, or the authority for the command?**

Matthew 28:19, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them **in the name** (*by the authority*) **of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,**" NKJV

Acts 10:48, "And he commanded them to be baptized in the name (*by the authority*) of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days." NKJV

~ **If it was commanded, who would be the baptizer?**

Matthew 28:19, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," NKJV

C. If someone came to me and said "I want to be baptized with the Holy Spirit." (See Item A)

~ Could I show him the command for me to do it? No!

~ Would I be able to show him in Scripture how to baptize him with the Holy Spirit? No!

~ Could I show him a promise to what he would receive after I said he was baptized with the Holy Spirit? No!

~ Could I show him where a man ever baptized a man in the Holy Spirit? No!

~ Could I show I had the authority to baptize him with the Holy Spirit? No!

~ What was the advantage of Cornelius receiving the like gift 10 – 14 years after the Apostles did on Pentecost?

It convinced Peter and the Jews he could not refuse to baptize the Gentile, Cornelius, in water so he may be saved!

Acts 10:46-48, “46 For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter answered, 47 **Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have? 48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord.** Then they asked him to stay a few days.” NKJV

Acts 11:14-18, “14 **who will tell you words by which you and all your household will be saved. 15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the beginning.** 16 Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, 'John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit. 17 **If therefore God gave them the same gift as He gave us when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God?** 18 When they heard these things they became silent; and they glorified God, saying, **Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life.**” NKJV

On the Other Hand.....

D. If I were asked to baptize a man in water: (See Item B Scriptures)

- ~ Could I show him a command to be baptized in water? Yes!
- ~ Would I be able to show him in Scripture how to be baptized in water? Yes!
- ~ Could I show him promises of what he would receive if he was baptized in water? Yes!
- ~ Can I show him a man in Scripture baptizing other men in water? Yes!
- ~ Would I have the authority to baptize anyone in water? Yes!

Obviously, water baptism and baptism with the Holy Spirit are not the same baptism. Careful study shows by the time Paul wrote **Ephesians 4:5** there was only one baptism.

CONCLUSION:

Mankind has never baptized anyone with the Holy Spirit. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is done by Jesus, for the promise says “He (Jesus) shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit”.

On the Other Hand.....

When men baptize a repentant believer in water, the immersed believer receives the Holy Spirit as an indwelling guest. Which would you rather have?

1 – The temporary Gift of the Holy Spirit?

Or

2 – The remission of sins and the Holy Spirit as a permanent guest?

Notice Jesus' baptism of Cornelius with the Holy Spirit was not synonymous or simultaneous with the baptism in water that Peter commanded be done to Cornelius. The baptism of the Holy Spirit gave credentials for Peter to baptize a Gentile. Obedience to water baptism is done by men by the convert's choice. Holy Spirit baptism is done by Jesus by Jesus' choice.

Summit Instructors Available as Guest Speakers

One of the things that impressed us here at Summit is the way the brotherhood uses our instructors and students as guest speakers.

Last year the faculty alone was invited to speak in over a dozen states at Family Camps, revivals, Men's gatherings, and special events.

This year, our schedules are again beginning to be filled with lectures and seminars or other speaking engagements.

This gives the faculty a wonderful opportunity to not only present the Gospel, but make known the learning opportunities at Summit for both Independent Study and Resident courses.

If you need to have speakers for some special event, revival, or gathering, we would welcome the opportunity to preach or teach at your event, seminar or camp.

All of our instructors are ordained Evangelists and we recommend each one for your consideration as worthy representatives of Christ.

For your consideration, the phone numbers of our faculty are as follows:

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Dale Holzbauer	(937) 631-4766
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We are also happy to report that four graduated from the Summit School of Preaching this past semester. The majority of the resident students who are working toward their degrees, are out preaching each weekend.

Please pray that we may continue to recruit and to train men to be faithful preachers of the Word.

With the faculty visiting even the smallest of churches they have been able to recruit people to take Independent Study courses that we offer!

LGBT STILL EXPECTING SPECIAL PRIVILEGES

Submitted by Jeff Faull



Nobody has a "right" to serve in the Military. Nobody.

What makes people think the Military is an equal opportunity employer? Very far from it.

The Military uses prejudice regularly and consistently to deny citizens from joining for being too old, too young, too fat, too skinny, too tall, or too short.

Citizens are denied for having flat feet, or for missing/having additional fingers. Poor eyesight will disqualify you as well as bad teeth.

Malnourished?
Drug addiction?
Bad back?
Criminal history?
Low IQ?
Anxiety?
Phobias?
Hearing damage?
Six arms?
Hear voices in your head?
Self-identify as a Unicorn?
Need a special access ramp or wheelchair?
Can't run the required course in a required time?
Can't do the required number pushups?
Not really a "morning person" and refuse to get out of bed before noon?

All reasons for denial!

The Military has one job. War! Anything else is a distraction and a liability.

Did someone scream, "That isn't fair?" War is VERY unfair, there are no exceptions made for being special, challenged, or socially wonderful.

YOU change yourself to meet the Military standards, not the other way around.

I say again... You don't change the Military...you must change yourself. The Military doesn't need to accommodate anyone with special issues. The Military needs to Win Wars!

Thank you for applying and good luck in future endeavors.

Who's next in line?

SOME THINGS JUST DON'T FIT!

The cartoon seems to be ludicrous, and it is, in fact, absurd to the limit. A backyard water pump cannot be made to fit the specs of an automobile water pump. Yet the denominational world:

Takes a woman or a 22-year old kid and tries to make them fit the Biblical specs of an "elder".

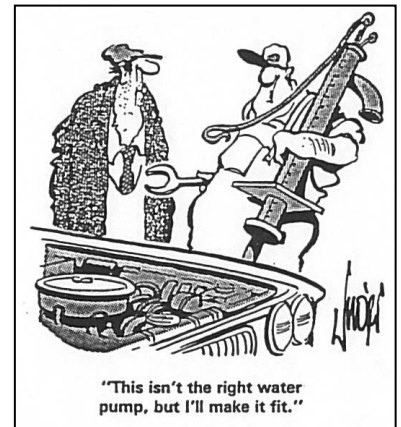
Takes "sprinkling" and tries to make it fit the Biblical specs of "buried with Him in baptism".

Takes "once a year" or "once a quarter" communion and tries to make it fit the specs of "continued steadfastly in the breaking of bread and prayer".

Takes "whooping, shouting and slain in the spirit" to make it fit the Biblical specs of "doing all things decently and in order".

Some things just don't fit. Who would go to such an optimistic mechanic? Is he optimistic or stupidly stubborn?

Think about it!



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Armageddon

By Terry Carter

Recently Nancy Pelosi was asked about the tax plan that the Senate had passed. She responded, "It is the end of the world...this is Armageddon".

This article is not about the tax plan or Nancy Pelosi. However, her comments got me to thinking about what we mean when we describe something as "Armageddon" and what the Scriptures mean by Armageddon.

The term, "Armageddon", is often used generically to describe an "end of the world" scenario or situation. We automatically think of it as a horrible disaster from which there can be no recovery. But is that really the way we, as Christians, ought to view the end of the world and Armageddon?

It occurs to me that the end of the world is disaster for those who love this present world and are worldly people. But for the Christian, the end of the world is actually something to which we can look forward. This is because we recognize the wickedness of this present world and look forward to a new Heaven and new earth where righteousness dwells.

"10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and **the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.** 11 Therefore, since **all these things will be dissolved**, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 12 **looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?** 13 **Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.** 14 **Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things**, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;" **II Peter 3:10-14 (NKJV)**

The word "Armageddon" only appears once in Scripture in **Revelation 16:16**. There, it is the place where all the kings of the earth are gathered to the battle of the great day of God Almighty.

"14 For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which **go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty**...16 And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, **Armageddon.**" **Revelation 16:14, 16 (NKJV)**

But in **Revelation Chapter 19**, when the kings of the earth battle against the Lord, they are all destroyed. That is, God and His saints are victorious while His enemies, and the enemies of His people, are completely defeated. This is not defeat for the saints, it is victory. It is not something to be lamented, it is something to be

celebrated. One author called it the, "divine obliteration of God's enemies".

Maybe the next time you hear somebody say, "This is Armageddon", the proper response should be, "hallelujah, it is about time", or maybe in the words of John, "even so come Lord Jesus", **Revelation 22:20**.

To respond with sorrow may just indicate friendship with this world rather than a longing for the new world where righteousness dwells.

The Crusades and Jihad

By Terry Carter

Muslims, and their apologists, like to bring up the crusades to argue that Islam and Christianity are on equal ground when it comes to violence and atrocities.



Of course, the Crusades cannot justify Islamic Jihad, but they try to deflect the conversation, focus, and blame off themselves and onto Christianity. Such a

comparison is poor reasoning for a number of reasons. It is trying to compare apples and oranges.

1. It was not Christians that carried out the crusades, it was the Roman Catholic Church. In fact, the atrocities committed were not what the Church authorized; it's what individuals did as a result of their having been "absolved" of their sins by the Church.

Clearly these people were not following either the teachings or examples of Jesus or the apostles. They weren't even following the directives of the Catholic Church.

2. What happened in the Crusades was despite what Jesus and the apostles had taught about loving your enemies and being at peace with all men as much as it lies within you. By contrast, the jihad (holy war) of the Muslims is a direct result of following the teaching and example of their prophet Muhammad.

There is a big difference between those who **violate** the teachings of Jesus yet still call themselves Christians and those who **follow** the teaching and example of Muhammad while calling themselves Muslims.

3. Where did the Roman Catholic Church get the idea of a holy war in the first place? Straight from Islam. The Muslims had been doing it for centuries before anyone in the "Christian" world decided to try it themselves. That was how the religion of Islam was spread in the beginning. Christianity, by contrast, was spread by the blood of the martyrs. It grew despite persecution for the first three centuries or so. Islam grew by persecution of the "infidel".
4. The Crusades came in response to Muslim aggression, not in response to Biblical teaching. They were a direct result of the slaughter of tens of thousands of Christians by the Muslims. Many thought the response was delayed far too long. Nevertheless, it was Muslim tactics that were adopted.

The crusaders were attempting to regain territory that the Muslims had taken from them. They were certainly not attacking peaceful neighbors like the Muslims have done throughout their history, and continue to do today.

5. The Crusades were abandoned nearly a thousand years ago. No Christian living today had anything to do with the Crusades. In fact, there is no organized effort among professed Christians to resume such a thing. However, countless Muslims living today have taken part, or are taking part, in Jihad.

There are many organized efforts among Muslims to carry out Jihad. Just watch the news to see the truth of this. All over the world Christians are being actively persecuted by Muslims today. The fact that Muslim apologists have to go back nearly a millennium to find anything comparable in "Christianity" speaks volumes.

This whole thing reminds me of the school yard bully who cries that another kid hit him last month. Of course, he conveniently leaves out the fact that he has been tormenting and physically abusing that kid for months both before and after that incident.

The bottom line is, the crusades were in opposition to the teaching and example of Jesus, the apostles, and early Christians.

I find it appalling that some of our leaders refuse to label anything ISIS does as Islamic, yet they have no trouble labeling the crusades as Christian.

I find it absolutely ridiculous that when ISIS is slaughtering Christian children by the hundreds, they believe that lecturing Christians about the misdeeds of the Catholic Church one thousand years ago is an appropriate response.

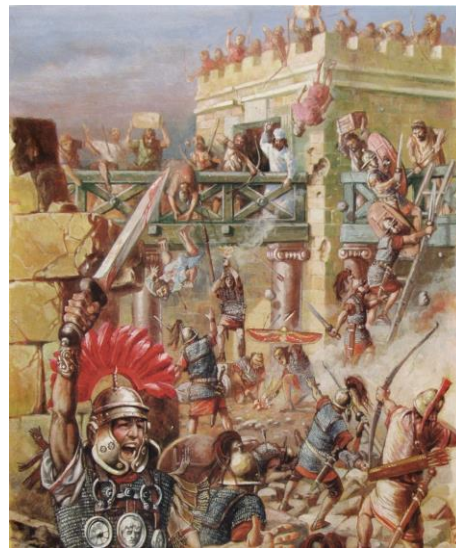
But if they are going to do that, they ought to at least take time to get their facts straight.

Dear Brother Faull,

What is the Abomination of Desolation which Jesus refers to in **Matthew 24:15-21**?

Matthew 24:15-21, "15 **When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)** 16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: 17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: 18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. 19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! 20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: 21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be."

ANSWER:



Note – He says that it is spoken of by Daniel. This is in **Daniel 9:24-27**, "24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting

righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. 25 Know therefore and understand, *that* from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince *shall be* seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. 26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof *shall be* with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. 27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make *it* desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate."

~ **Note that it is after Messiah is cut off – Daniel 9:26**

~ **It is when the people of the prince shall come to destroy the city and the sanctuary, and unto the end of the war desolations will occur - Daniel 9:26.**

- ~ **It is while there is a sanctuary – Daniel 9:26.**
- ~ **It will cause the temple service to cease – Daniel 9:27.**
- ~ **It involves abominable idols – Daniel 9:27.**
This verse says that the overspreading of abomination in Hebrew is “Upon the wing of the abomination on causing desolation.” Or, as my footnote reads: “Upon the battlements shall be the idols of the desolation.”
- ~ **It is the day of vengeance on the Jewish nation – Daniel 9:26.**
Luke 21:22-24, “22 For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. 23 But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people. 24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.”
- ~ **It involves war against Jerusalem, and Jerusalem being encompassed with armies.**
Luke 21:20, “And when ye shall see **Jerusalem compassed with armies**, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh.”
- ~ **It stands in the holy place.**
Matthew 24:15, “When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)”
- ~ **Where it ought not.**
Mark 13:14a, “But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing **where it ought not**, (let him that readeth understand,)...”
- ~ **It concerns only the people of Judea who flee to the mountains.**
Mark 13:14b, “...then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains:”
- ~ **It is while Sabbath is still observed and the city gates would be closed.**
Matthew 24:20, “But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, **neither on the sabbath day.**”

The fulfillment then, is simple. We simply quote Josephus, the Historian, of Jerusalem’s destruction. Josephus says this of the Romans: “*And now the Romans, upon the flight of the seditious into the city, and upon the burning of the holy house itself, and of all the buildings around about it, brought their ensigns to the temple and set them over against its Eastern gate; and there did they offer sacrifices to them, and there did they make Titus imperator, with the greatest acclamations of joy.*”

The Conclusion then for these verses is: “**The abomination that maketh desolation**” is the Roman armies which encamped around Jerusalem and then entered into Jerusalem where they ought not while the people fled out of Judea to the mountains.

The abominable idols were brought into God’s Holy temple and were worshipped there before the temple was destroyed. The desolation followed.

Summit Announcements:

School of Preaching Spring Semester 2018 Begins

Class sessions began January 9th, 2018 and will end May 3rd, 2018. Below are the times, course names and Instructors for this semester.

TUESDAY

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM – Timothy & Titus – George L. Faull / Terry Carter

WEDNESDAY

9 AM – Noon – Gospels 2 – Shane Capps

1:30 PM – 4:30 PM – Hermeneutics – Terry Carter

THURSDAY

9 AM – Noon – Apologetics – Kendall Faull

1:30 PM – 4:30 PM – Homiletics – Dale Holzbauer/Shane Capps

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM – The Patriarchs – Terry Carter / George L. Faull

L.E.A.P. Program Scheduled

(Learning, Educating, And Preparing)

March 16th & 17th, 2018

“COLOSSIANS”

Instructor – Josh Stucki

You can earn 1 credit hour for those wishing to take it for credit (\$60.00) or attendance is free to those wishing to audit the class only. Dorm room rental at Summit’s School of Preaching is \$30.00 Please call to make class and/or dorm reservations.

Who Spoke in Tongues on Pentecost?

SINCE:

1. Only the Apostles were promised it – **Mark 16:17-18, Acts 1:18**...
2. The antecedent of “they” in **Acts 2:1** is the apostles, as in all of Chapter One, starting with verse two....
3. There were several days between the mentioning of the 120 (1:15) until the day of Pentecost (2:1)...
4. Those who spoke in tongues were all Galileans (2:7)...
5. Those who spoke in tongues were all men (2:13, 2:37)....
6. Peter stood up only with the eleven apostles to speak (2:14)...
7. Joel’s prophecy was not all fulfilled that day in that no Gentiles received the Spirit and it is not recorded that any dreams or visions were seen, we cannot assume the handmaids prophesied that day (2:17-18)....
8. All who did it were witnesses of the resurrection of Christ (2:32) Compare 1:21-23....
9. The question of what to do was asked only of the apostles (2:37)....
10. They continued in the apostle’s doctrine (2:43)...
11. The other signs and wonders were only done by the apostles (2:43)....
12. Christian women were forbidden in all the churches to exercise the gift of tongues publicly (1 **Corinthians 14:34**)...



...IT IS NOT ASSUMPTION TO SAY THAT ONLY THE APOSTLES RECEIVED THE GIFT OF TONGUES ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST.

This list helps us see the error of those who claim that the 120 received the gifts of tongues. The apostles, who were promised the gift, returned to where they were staying (**Acts 1:13**).

Notice that those who returned were the same as those who were staying there. Frequently the disciples assembled during the seven day period from Christ’s ascension to the day of Pentecost. There certainly was not a disgraceful communal living of 120 men and women. The 14th verse merely tells us they continued in prayer. To insist from this that all 120 lived together for those seven days is absurd. One might as well insist that the communal living grew to 3,000 for the text tells us “they continued in the apostles’ doctrine” and “were together” (2:42-43). **Chapter 1** is a history of what Jesus told the apostles, what they did, and how they chose a successor for Judas. The 120 are mentioned incidentally. The apostles are the subject of **Chapter 1**. It is plain that they are the antecedent of the story as it continues on Pentecost in **Chapter 2**. Notice number 7 in the list

above. Joel did not prophecy speaking in tongues. Joel prophesied signs of the Spirit. The sound of the wind, the tongues like fire, and speaking in tongues were merely signs of the power Christ promised the apostles (1:8).

It is argued that Joel’s prophecy said that handmaids would prophecy and thus the 120 all received this power, as women were among them. Obviously, not all of Joel’s prophecy was fulfilled that day. There were no dreams or visions nor did all flesh receive the Spirit that day. Gentiles never received the Spirit that day, nor did they for another 10 years. Joel was saying that the Spirit would be poured out regardless of age, sex, or race. This was the beginning of the Spirit’s outpouring.

Joel did not prophecy tongue speaking women, but rather, prophetic women, like Philip’s daughters (21:9). It is obvious no women spoke, for the men cried out to the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?”

THE PRACTICE OF MODERN DAY “PENTECOSTALS” DIFFERS FROM WHAT HAPPENED ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

1. The power of the Spirit was sent and not sought.
2. Today they have no sound of a rushing wind.
3. Today, they have no tongues like fire sitting on their heads.
4. Today, they do not speak in foreign languages.

If tongue speaking is an “unknown tongue” or “angelic language” as many profess, it cannot be like the tongues of Pentecost. On Pentecost, no interpreters were needed. Everyone understood without an interpreter. “Pentecostal” tongues of today require an interpreter if they are to be understood. On the day of Pentecost,

God overcame the language barrier. In “Pentecostal” churches, if a tongue speaker spoke in an unknown tongue and an interpreter gave the translation in English, the men from other nations would still not receive the revelation until an interpreter from each country interpreted the interpretation of the interpreter. Obviously, then the gifts claimed today are counterfeit.

5. Today, Pentecostals do not give the Pentecostal answer to the Pentecostal question; “What must we do?” The answer of Peter was, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” “Pentecostals” do not give the answer to a man asking the way of salvation.

CONCLUSION:

There is no precedent, need, or reason for “tongue speaking” today. “Pentecostalism” is a misnomer. Its adherents neither duplicate the phenomena nor the message of Pentecost.

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