

## Week 17

### The Rise of Pentecostalism

#### Class Handout

#### Pentecostalism Defined

- Old-time revivalism
- Tongues speaking (proof of salvation)
- Prophecy
- Baptism in the Holy Spirit (second blessing)
- Healings and miracles
- dispensational premillennialism
- energetic, emotional, expressive forms of worship

#### Charismatic Movement Defined

- emphasize tongues and prophecy
- trans-denominational
- no set theology of two-stage blessing
- diversity of theological opinion
- contemporary worship songs
- remained within mainline churches

#### Origin of 20<sup>th</sup> Century Pentecostal Movement

- Roots in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Holiness Movement
- Charles Fox Parham & Bethel Bible School (Topeka, Kansas)
  - Taught believers to seek baptism in Holy Spirit
  - Agnes Ozman speaks in tongues (1901)
- William Seymour and Azusa Street Revival (1906)
  - Seymour Carried Parham's teachings to Los Angeles
  - Meetings at Azusa Street church (L.A.) spark "revival"
  - Azusa Street revival attracts worldwide attention

#### Early Pentecostal Denominations & Groups

- Assemblies of God
- "Jesus Only" movement (1916)
- Foursquare Church (Aimee Semple McPherson)
- Tent revival healing evangelists such as Oral Roberts.

### Pentecostals and Mainstream Protestants

- Early Pentecostals Rejected, Isolated
- Pentecostals Claim Tongues is Necessary Proof of Salvation
- "Full Gospel" and "Spirit Filled" = Pentecostal
- Worldwide spread very quick – Scandinavia, South America

### Charismatic Movement (1960s forward)

- Dennis Bennett (Episcopal priest) claimed baptism in Holy Spirit
- Charismatic Catholics
- John Wimber, Vineyard Church, and "signs and wonders"
- Chuck Smith and Calvary Chapel

### Now Trending in Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements

- Prosperity Gospel (Health & Wealth)
- New Apostolic Reformation
- Charismatic Calvinists & "fallible NT prophecy"
- Pentecostal / Charismatic Dominates in Global Church

### Issues of Concern

- Sufficiency of Scripture
- Spiritual Abuse and Authoritarianism
- Experience Over Doctrine
- Over-realized Eschatology

### Recommended Resources

John Woodbridge and Frank James, *Church History, Volume Two: From Pre-Reformation to the Present Day*, Zondervan Academic: Grand Rapids, 2013.

J.I. Packer, *Keep in Step with the Spirit: Finding Fullness in Our Walk with God*. 2nd ed. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2005.

John MacArthur, *Strange Fire: The Danger of Offending the Holy Spirit with Counterfeit Worship*. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2013.

R. Douglas Geivett and Holly Pivec, *God's Super-Apostles: Encountering the Worldwide Prophets and Apostles Movement*, Grand Rapids, MI: Brazos Press, 2014.

# WEIRD BABEL OF TONGUES.

*New Sect of Fanatics Is  
Breaking Loose.*

*Wild Scene Last Night on  
Azusa Street.*

*Gurgle of Wordless Talk by  
a Sister.*

Breathing strange utterances and mouthing a creed which it would seem no sane mortal could understand, the newest religious sect has started in Los Angeles. Meetings are held in a tumble-down shack on Azusa street, near San Pedro street, and the devotees of the weird doctrine practice the most fanatical rites, preach the wildest theories and work themselves into a state of mad excitement in their peculiar zeal.

Colored people and a sprinkling of whites compose the congregation, and night is made hideous in the neighborhood by the howlings of the worshipers, who spend hours swaying forth and back in a nerve-racking attitude of prayer and supplication. They claim to have "the gift of tongues," and to be able to comprehend the babel.

*Los Angeles Times*  
April 18, 1906

contemporary article  
about Azusa Street  
Revival which kicked  
off the modern  
Pentecostal  
movement