

THE FATAL FLAWS OF CHARISMANIA – Introduction

Pentecostalism traces its contemporary origins back to the Azusa Street Revival in 1906. Since then, it has grown and developed in a variety of ways, manifesting itself in what is known as the Charismatic movement, the Word of Faith belief system, Third Wave, and most recently, The New Apostolic Reformation. With the appearance of each new branch from the Azusa Tree, the departures from our historic Christian faith have become progressively more radical and extreme, confirmed by our Lord and Savior, in Matthew 7:15-23, where we read the following –

“Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits, grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor figs from thistles, are they? So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit. Every tree that does not produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. So then, you will know them by their fruits. Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.’”

As a result, Evangelical Christianity is facing a spiritual crisis which must be confronted. The reasons for this pushback are clear and obvious. The Pentecostal/Charismatic perspective has made deep inroads into the Christian faith with assertions that are often subjective and emotional; lacking in the sound doctrinal underpinnings called for in the New Testament. As a result, it will not be the purpose of this study to question the spiritual condition of any one individual and their conversion experience. Even the apostle Paul refused to do so in confronting the heretical teachings of Hymenaeus and Philetus, as expressed in 2 Timothy 2:19 –

“Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, ‘The Lord knows those who are His,’ and ‘Everyone who names the name of the Lord is to abstain from wickedness.’”

On the other hand, in light of the erroneous teachings which exist within what I am calling Charismania, there is no doubt that a doctrinal purging and spiritual cleansing is necessary; not only within the Christian faith in America, but in Africa, India and Pakistan as well. I believe that God has guided me into fulfilling that very purpose by exposing *twelve fatal flaws* over the course of thirty individual studies, for the benefit of as many Christians as possible. This analysis will also provide encouragement to Christians who have been told they are second class citizens in the Kingdom of God, simply because they have refused to participate in this movement. Hopefully, it will also furnish much needed reassurance to those who have left the Pentecostal/Charismatic perspective behind, in favor of a relationship with God based on sound doctrine.

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Jeremiah 3:15; Acts 28:31