

# Emotion or Knowledge?

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1. *Many in the Traditional Church rely on Knowledge only, and do not allow the Holy Spirit to move and have His way.*
2. *Many Pentecostals rely on emotion and not Knowledge as a witness to their Salvation.*

## ***Both Are Wrong***

*First, we need to understand there are two separate experiences with the Holy Spirit. The first is the salvation of your eternal Soul, and the second is for power to witness (minister). There is much confusion in the churches on this subject.*

## ***The Traditional Church***

Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, **he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:** (John 20:19-22)

But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now **if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.** (Rom. 8:9)

*Notice the disciples were Born Again at this point. They were saved and going to Heaven. When you receive the Spirit you are Saved, Born Again, Justified, Sanctified, Regenerated, and a New Creation in Christ Jesus.*

Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.**” Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

**That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.** (John 3:3-6) ESVS

***What Exactly Is “BORN AGAIN”***

*Simply stated, Christ comes to live eternally within you through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit Baptizes you into Christ (Rom. 6:3-11). You no longer live for this sick world, you now live to please God in Christ.*

Being born again, **not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God,** which liveth and abideth for ever. (1 Pet. 1:23)  
***Jesus Christ is the Word of God.*** (John 1:1-14)

*This is very important to know! You need the knowledge of the Word of God to be saved. We need to know that we are sinners and need a Savior. We need to know how to live for Christ. Everything we need to know about God and His Kingdom is found in the Word of God! The Bible is the only thing that is True and what we must believe. So, Faith (to Believe) begins by reading the Word of God, not emotions. And of course, it's not just reading and understanding only, it's believing what you read.*

But **grow in grace,** and **in the knowledge** of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen. (2 Pet. 3:18)

**My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge:** because **thou hast rejected knowledge,** I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. (Hosea 4:6)

**For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power,** and **in the Holy Ghost,** and in much assurance; **as ye know** what manner of men we were among you for your sake. (1 Th. 1:5)

***This brings us to the next point; The Holy Spirit: (power)***

*We cannot properly understand the Word of God without the Holy Spirit. The Word and the Holy Spirit work together to help us understand God's will for our lives. You cannot have one without the other, we need both. So you need the Word of God to begin the process of Born Again.*

## ***The Pentecostal Church***

*The Pentecostal Church must also be Born Again like the Traditional Church. But, unlike the Traditional Church, the Pentecostal Church has a secondary work of Grace from that same Holy Spirit. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues (Glossolalia). God's purpose in this is to empower the believer to witness Christ with power and authority. That said, I must explain this because unfortunately there are some fake Pentecostal Churches deceiving the people. Power to witness does not mean we scream more, or do an emotional bugalu behind the pulpit. It simply means we are backed by the Holy Spirit with tongues, signs, and wonders, exerting authority over evil spirits. I must also say, we must use the gift of discernment because the Devil has the power to perform fake miracles. But miracles from God are True and destroy the works of the Devil.*

**But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.** (Acts 1:8)

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were **all with one accord** in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And **there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.** And they were **all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.** (Acts 2:1-4)

For **John truly baptized with water;** but **ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost** not many days hence. (Acts 1:5)

*I just finished reading two great books on the History of the Church and the Pentecostal movement. Sorry my Hispanic friends, they are only written in English. But I will tell you what they said in brief;*

***1. Miracles and the Supernatural Throughout Church History: by Tony Cooke***

***2. Pentecost - This Story Is Our Story: by Robert P. Menzies***

*The greatest strength of the Pentecostal Church is to bring in the end time harvest. This could not be done without the Power of the Holy Spirit. The Pentecostal Church around the World has been growing so fast that some historians refer to the 20th century as the Pentecostal Century.*

*The Spirit is backing them up with miracles and healing powers. Also giving them great boldness to proclaim the name of Jesus under very difficult circumstances. While Traditional Churches are in neutral or losing members, the people are flooding Pentecostal Churches. One reason is the people experience God personally, and the Moving of the Holy Spirit in a supernatural way. The people are finding out God is real and wants to fellowship with his people (Believers). Pentecost enables ordinary disciples to do extraordinary things for God. Pentecost power has been manifested throughout history following the apostolic era. Scholars believe this end time harvest (flow of the Spirit in the 20th Century) started in a Bible school in Topeka Kansas which blossomed in the Azusa Street revival (California), from there it sent the fire of the Spirit around the world. Although everyone should seek this second Grace in the Holy Spirit, it should be noted that tongues (Glossolalia) is not a sign of Christian maturity. Baptism in the Spirit and speaking in tongues are not a guarantee of a life dramatically marked by the fruit of the Spirit. The Church at Corinth was highly gifted with many gifts but were far from mature. Christian maturity and Holy Ghost power must go hand in hand! As I close, remember, speaking in tongues is not a sign of Christian maturity nor is a lack of tongues a sign of immaturity.*

And I say unto you, **Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.** For **every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.** If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? **If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?** (Luke 11:9-13)

***The Foundation of Everything - (The Cross - the Blood of Jesus)***

*If we don't get Jesus Right nothing else will matter (all our work will be in vain). Without laying the proper Foundation the Word and the Spirit will Not Work.*

**Unless the LORD builds a house, They who build it labor in vain;**  
**Unless the LORD guards a city, The watchman stays awake in vain.**

(Psa. 127:1) NASB

According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a **wise masterbuilder**, **I have laid the foundation**, and another buildeth thereon. But let **every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon**. For **other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ**. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; **Every man's work shall be made manifest**: for the day shall declare it, because **it shall be revealed by fire**; and **the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is**. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

(1 Cor. 3:10-15)

Forasmuch as ye know that **ye were not redeemed with corruptible things**, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But **with the precious blood of Christ**, as of **a lamb without blemish and without spot**: Who verily **was foreordained before the foundation of the world**, but was **manifest in these last times for you**, Who **by him do believe in God**, that **raised him up from the dead**, and gave him glory; **that your faith and hope might be in God**. (1 Pet. 1:18-21)