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PART 15: IS PENTECOST STILL FOR TODAY?

Reading: Acts 2:37 - 39

Introduction

- **Cessationists:** believe the baptism with the Holy Spirit and the gifts have '*ceased*'
- **Continuists:** believe they continue for the duration of the entire church age.
- Whitewell, with its pastors, oversight and trustees are '*Continuists*'

1 Proof From Joel

- Compare [Joel 2:28 - 31] with [Acts 2:16 - 21].
- The evidence of the Spirit's outpouring was for the whole period of the '*last days*'
- We are still in the last days.

2 Proof From Peter

- Consider [Acts 2:38 - 39].
- The promise of the Holy Spirit is '*To as many as the Lord our God shall call*'
- The saints of every age have been '*called*'; so this promise is for us just as much as it was for Peter.

3 Proof From Paul

- Consider [1 Corinthians 12:28].
- God has '**set**' or '**appointed**' apostles, prophets, teachers, miracles, healings... and tongues in the church.
- Teachers are still in today's church: why can't the other things listed not be also?

4 Proof From History

- Irenaeus - bishop of Lyon 177AD
- Augustine - bishop of Hippo 396AD
- Encyclopaedia Britannia
- Philip Schaff - '*History of the Christian Church*'
- Souers - '*German History Of The Christian Church*'
- F.B. Meyer in '*London Christian*' magazine
- All the above testify to the baptism and gifts throughout the church age.

5 The Modern Pentecostal Movement

- Begins in Topeka, Kansas USA. (Agnes Ozman).
- Next to Azusa Street in Los Angeles (W.J Seymour)
- Scandinavia (T.B. Barrett)
- Sunderland (Rev Boddy)
- The British Isles - George & Stephen Jefferys
- '*Elim*' and '*the Assemblies of God*' and '*the Apostolic churches*'

All the above testify to the **FACT** that the Baptism with the Spirit & the gifts of the Spirit still continue to today.

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