

Denomination	PENTECOSTAL (category)	TERMS IN CHARASMATIC CIRCLES	WORD OF FAITH MOVEMENT
History	“Holiness” churches sprouted from the Methodist/Wesleyan tradition and then further transformed to Pentecostal in 1906 at the Azusa Street Revival in Los Angeles.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charismatic- “grace gifted” • Signs & wonders • Speaking in tongues (glossolalia)- two definitions: language (Acts 2) & prayer language (1 Cor. 14:4-17, Rom. 8:26). • Full Gospel • Slain in the Spirit / 2nd Blessing • Total sanctification/Sinless perfection (holiness) • Baptismal regeneration 	This is not a denomination but an influential movement teaching that words can “name it and claim it” by manipulating the faith-force and God himself is subject to these laws. It teaches that God created humans in his literal image as little gods and after the fall man lost this ability. It must be relearned. Notable <i>Notables: Kenneth Hagin, Benny Hinn, Paula White, Jesse Duplantis, Kenneth Copeland, Joyce Meyer, Paul & Jan Crouch (TBN), T.D. Jakes, Joel Osteen, Creflo Dollar... long list.</i>
Polity/Governance	Congregational at local level (with strong pastor/eldership) / Presbyterian at higher governing levels for some groups	<p>SOME PENTECOSTAL DENOM.: Apostolic/Holiness *(typically) Church of God in Christ (1897/1907) * United Pentecostal (1945) * Church of God (1886/1907- Cleveland, TN) Church of God of Prophecy (1923) Assembly of God (1914) Calvary Chapel (1968 - Chuck Smith in CA) Vineyard Calvary Chapel (1983) * <i>non-trinitarian</i> : “modalism”</p> <p>WHAT IS “NON-DENOMINATIONAL”? This means church or organization is not a member or formally aligned with a denominational body for governance, cooperation, doctrine, or practice.</p> <p>WHAT IS “INTER-DENOMINATIONAL”? This means all denominations are celebrated and maybe even accommodated.</p>	NEW APOSTOLOIC REFORMATION
Authority	The Bible as the inspired Word of God (some insist on KJV), in some churches the pastor is seen as an Apostle and revelations are held as authoritative (like scripture)		This is not a denomination but an influential movement that has found its way into many churches.
Beliefs & Practices	Jubilant worship, fiery preaching, and a focus on receiving “gifts of the Spirit” are central to the Pentecostal experience. Lord’s Supper and baptism are referred to as ordinances (not sacraments). Some Pentecostal groups are non-trinitarian (“Only Jesus”) and others more orthodox on their view of the nature of the Godhead. “Holiness” is proof of salvation.		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Apostolic governance- strong leaders, little accountability. 2) The role of Prophet- prediction. 3) Dominion- the role of the church is to bring the Kingdom of God to earth by... 4) Theocracy is to be pursued by infiltrating religion, family, education, government, media, arts, entertainment, & business. 5) Extrabiblical revelation- God’s Apostles & Prophets have it. 6) Supernatural signs & wonders <i>Notables: Todd White, Bill Johnson (Bethel Church), Todd Bentley, Kenneth Copeland...</i>
Salvation	This varies among various groups & churches. Some teach salvation is grace through faith in Jesus alone. Others add water baptism (sometimes in Jesus name), speaking in tongues, holy living, or all of the above. The vast majority agree that a person can lose their salvation through unholy living.		DID YOU KNOW there are a very small % of Pentecostal churches in Appalachia who practice snake handling & drinking of poison in worship services to prove their faith? They site Mark 16:18 as prescriptive (rather than descriptive). West Virginia is the only state where this practice is still legal.
Facts	-Almost half (49%) of charismatic/Pentecostal Christians live in the North & South America even though that same area only represents 13% of the global population. About 30% of charismatics are in Asia. -Different Pentecostal groups/churches have varying views on alcohol, tobacco, entertainment, hair, & clothing.		