

PENTECOST & PAROUSIA

I: Baptism in the Holy Spirit, the
ecumenical grace of the
charismatic renewal

A Sovereign Outpouring

Charismatic Renewal

- * was humanly unplanned
- * was poured out “on all flesh”
- * began in a great variety of ways
- * impacted almost all Christian churches

It has been a sovereign act of the Lord.

CR began in a great variety of ways

Sometimes without any evident human agency.

Sometimes by those baptized in the Spirit (often Pentecostals) witnessing and maybe praying over people to be baptized in the Spirit.

Sometimes through Bible Study groups.

Sometimes among people praying for healing.

CR impacted almost all Christian churches

The same grace of God was being poured out upon Christians of many traditions: different Protestant backgrounds, Catholics, Orthodox, Messianic Jews.

How do we know it was the same grace?

Same characteristics and fruit: love of Bible
Charisms of the Spirit; power over evil spirits;
Ability to minister together and praise
together in the Spirit; barriers broken down

CR is Inherently Ecumenical

The origins show that this move of the Spirit does not belong to any one Church or tradition.

It is inherently ecumenical, i. e.

it is a grace for Christian unity.

Catholic charismatic renewal is not just another Catholic movement; it is that section of CR that has its place within the Catholic Church,

It enables us to share the Word of God with other Christians and for them to share with us.

Although Catholic Charismatic Renewal is counted among the New Ecclesial Movements in the Catholic Church under the Pontifical Council for the Laity, it is different from the other NEMs in key respects:

No human founder; CR began outside Catholic Church; has no membership (though charismatic groups and communities have members); has no doctrine of its own.

BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

Central characteristic grace of CR is

Baptism in the Holy Spirit

The other characteristics of CR are fruit of BHS.

Spontaneous praise. Speaking/Singing in Tongues. Hearing the Lord. Receiving the Father's heart. Prophetic gifts. Gifts of Healing. Freeing of the body and emotions for worship and ministry. Discernment of Spirits (awareness of evil spirits).

HOLY SPIRIT EXALTS JESUS CHRIST

Common to all these characteristics of Baptism in the Holy Spirit is:

The **Revelation** that Jesus is the living Lord today

The Surrender/Submission of the Christian to this Lordship of Jesus

This surrender is symbolized in letting go of control of our speech to speak in unknown tongues.

Exercise of the Charisms

The exercise of all the spiritual gifts or charisms characteristic of CR requires this letting go of human control and entrusting oneself to the living God.

In speaking out words of prophecy

In exercising gifts of healing

In acting on a word received

In all, we risk looking like fools!

GRACE OF CR (BHS) IMPACTS EVERYTHING

This outpouring of the Holy Spirit enables Christians to live under the Lordship of Jesus guided and enlivened by the Holy Spirit.

It is a renewal-revival-restoration movement touching every aspect of life:

Human life,

Family life,

Church life, Parish, Diocese, International

CR is not just:

a prayer movement;

a lay movement (though it has a strong lay component);

a movement of praise and worship;

a movement for evangelization.

Do not let others instrumentalize this work of the Holy Spirit.

RENEWAL IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

This outpouring of the Holy Spirit reveals to the Church the real meaning of renewal of the Church, renewal of the whole body of Christ.

Bringing everything under the active Lordship of Jesus in and through the Holy Spirit.

THE NEWNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Sovereign acts of the Lordship of Christ create something new through the Holy Spirit.

New: first movement to touch Protestants and Catholics equally.

New: Messianic Jewish movement

New: patterns of community, of ministry, of mission