

***City Church Network - Tuesday Fellowship***

***4/14/20 and 4/17/20***

***Streams of the Christian Faith: Charismatic Stream***

***facilitated by Phil Dillingham (4/14/20) and Wim Codington (4/17/20)***

**On 4/14/20, Phil Dillingham gave a presentation on the charismatic stream of the Christian faith which was recorded and uploaded to the City Church Network website. On 4/17/20, Wim Codington gave a presentation on the same stream. The notes from Wim's presentation are below:**

- *What experience do you each have with charismatic or pentecostal tradition?*
- *What would you say is the difference between pentecostal and charismatic?*
- Bible phrases for experiencing the Holy Spirit:
  - Clothed, filled, baptized, etc.
- Historical background for Pentecostalism
  - Holiness movement (Methodism and Wesleyanism) emphasized the role of personal revival and experiencing God's power
  - Around the turn of the 19th century, most notably Azusa Street in L.A, CA in 1906, there was a massive revival emphasizing baptism by the Holy Spirit and manifested by speaking in tongues
  - This spread throughout the US and the world, crossing socio-economic and cultural lines
  - Soon began to form denominations
  - Generally was separate from mainstream / mainline denominations
- Theological themes
  - Experiencing God's power through the Holy Spirit
  - Manifesting / expressing the power through tongues (I Corinthians 12, 13, and 14)
  - Noncessationist (vs. cessationist)
- Historical background for Charismatic tradition
  - In the 1960s, some mainline traditions including Roman Catholic began experiencing new power and attributing it to the work of the Holy Spirit. This was the emergence of the charismatic tradition.
  - "Third wave" in the 1980s was outside denominations
  - It held to the same core belief that we can and should experience the power of the Holy Spirit which will be expressed in and through us, but this tradition was broader and more balanced (many terms; not just speaking in tongues).
    - Spiritual warfare, signs and wonders, ecclesiological reform



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- Present-day manifestation in denominations and traditions
  - Pentecostal: Assemblies of God
  - Third wave: Vineyard, Bethel, Calvary Chapel, IHOP
- Spiritual gifts highlighted
  - Healing, miracles, tongues, prophecy, other physical demonstrations of power
- Dangers
  - *What potential dangers can you see?*
  - Emphasizing the sign rather than the One whose power the sign authenticates
  - Emphasizing external demonstration rather than internal transformation (character)
  - Overemphasizing the personhood of the Holy Spirit apart from Jesus and the Father
- *For many, the terms charismatic and pentecostal stir up deep negative or positive emotions. In truth, it does tend to attract passionate and expressive people. What emotions does it stir up in you? Why?*
- *Libby Codington shared her initial negative and later positive experiences with the charismatic tradition.*
- How we can practice each (choose 1 or 2 to incorporate into your personal or family life) - pages 3 and 4 of the following:
  - [https://www.plcfantioch.org/dir/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/how\\_to\\_practice\\_each\\_of\\_the\\_streams\\_of\\_faith.pdf](https://www.plcfantioch.org/dir/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/how_to_practice_each_of_the_streams_of_faith.pdf)
- John Piper's helpful teaching:
  - <https://www.desiringgod.org/interviews/do-cessationists-miss-out-on-the-full-joys-of-christianity>
  - <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/confessions-of-a-functional-cessationist>
  - <https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/the-authority-and-nature-of-the-gift-of-prophecy>
- Local ministries that have been helpful to Wim and Libby:
  - <https://kingdomfireministries.org> (Ken Fish)
  - <https://sandypowell.com> (Sandy Powell)

