

THE WORD AND POWER CHURCH

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The Charismatic church believes in the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other unknown tongues, and the Evangelical Church believes in the Word and the manifestation of the spirit working through us to do his work. If the Evangelical and the Power church are united, they will be more powerful to reach the world with the gospel.

My church back home was Charismatic, and I believe in being filled with the Holy Ghost. The Charismatic service was different from Evangelical Church because the beginning service had a lot of lively praise and worship songs, and with lively music, people were free to dance and praise God in different ways. On the other hand, the Evangelical Church likes the hymns and contemporary music which I am a part of now. The Charismatic Church draws the younger people because of the music; on the other hand, the Evangelical draws the older people even though now it is changing to a mixture of Charismatic and Evangelical. I can clearly see the difference as I stated before. Gone are the days when it was mostly contemporary songs and the congregation was mostly older people. Now the charismatic form of worship is drawing the younger people to the church, and I can see that it puts people in a better mood to worship God. Praising the Lord can really draw all people to God. I can really sense the freedom of worship and praise to God in the Charismatic service. People get healed as the spirit of God moves freely and people get saved. I see prophecy with interpretation; God is really working in this setting. It is awesome.

My view is that God can use anyone to carry out His work as long as you let Him know that you are available by giving yourself wholly and by surrendering your will to Him. You must accept God as your Lord and personal savior. God is dealing with us individually and knows

who we serve. God can use you wherever and however you are if He chooses. I agree if we want to see change, we need to change the way we think and perceive who God really is. I also agree that a gift from God is to edify the church and the believers. Evangelism is a means of reaching lost people by bringing them to God because it is our Christian duty. I disagree with the author about “going in a separate room or place to practice the gift” (Doug Banister 1999, 38). My personal viewpoint is that God is perfect, and if He gives us a gift, the Holy Spirit that is within us will manifest the gift in a perfect way. On the day of Pentecost when the disciples were all waiting in the upper room, they were filled with the spirit and spoke with other tongues. The purpose of the gift was to enlarge God’s Kingdom. However, I disagree with everyone speaking in tongues and there being no interpreter (Acts 2 [King James Version]).

This book impacts my theology and current ministry because it gave me a better perspective by showing me that God wants me to be complete in Him and have a relationship with Him. In conclusion, I believe that either Charismatic or Evangelical we are serving the same God and it is one God. We are one in Christ, and we should celebrate who we are in Him, knowing that God is everywhere and we can serve Him wherever we are in Spirit and in truth. The most important thing is whether we are born again. Not only speaking in an unknown tongue as believed by the Charismatic can get you to heaven, but genuinely accepting Christ as your personal savior. Furthermore, the unity of the body of Christ is very essential and it will be a great force to reach the ungodly people in the world faster.

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1. Dough Banister, *The Word & Power Church* (Zondervan, 1999), 38.
 2. (Acts 2 [King James Version]).