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### Questions

1. What are the reasons that some evangelical churches are skeptical about the Pentecostal movement?
2. What is the result of the churches that neglect the Holy Spirit?
3. What is one major misunderstanding about the person of the Holy Spirit?
4. What is the one important work of the Holy Spirit?
5. Does Baptism in the Spirit align with the Bible according to the author?

### Answers

1. The author explains that the Pentecostal movement have produced some "strange fire." Such as prosperity gospel, disorderly worship and a hierarchy of super-spiritual elites and other hyperenthusiastic excesses. Therefore, there is an effort to avoid the excesses in some evangelical churches.
2. These churches often become dull and joyless. The author uses the phrase, "dour and spiritually dead."
3. One major misunderstanding about the Holy Spirit is people don't believe Holy Spirit is a person in the Holy Trinity. They believe in the Holy Spirit, but they believe the Holy Spirit to be a magic power sent from Heaven, a mystic fog descends from above, which is very wrong.
4. One major task of the Holy Spirit is to purify and sanctify the church. The Holy Spirit is helping the believers to be obedient to the image of Jesus. He will be increasingly willing to step into the light and cultivate his spiritual life.
5. The author questions the order of the traditional Pentecostal theological narrative. He believes the "breathing of the Holy Spirit into disciples" to be a symbolic act rather than an actual reception of the Spirit. He also argues that baptism signals an "initiation," rather than a subsequent event. Paul also says that not everyone "spoke in tongues." Therefore, the author think the Baptism in Spirit is a contestable concept

### Terms

Charismata. It means "gift of grace." The word refers to the Spiritual gifts given to believers.

Glossolalia. Glossolalia means speaking in tongues.

Parakletos. Parakletos is difficult to translate. It means "Comforter," or "Helper."

### Summary

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity. He has many works to do among the believers and unbelievers. We should vigorously incorporate the teachings of the Holy Spirit to the Church.