

Rebuttals to the falsehood entitled ‘Gospel and Church’ proclaimed by the Breakaways

This is written in response to the deviant beliefs perpetrated by the breakaways from the True Jesus Church (TJC). The main purpose of these rebuttals is to help the believers of the True Jesus Church to be rooted in the beliefs of the church according to the Bible and to expose the fallacies of the beliefs of the breakaways:

The breakaways have come up with a series of strange teachings to promote what they believe in. Very clearly, they have crossed the parameters of the truth that they learnt before in the goodness of the Holy Spirit. They have deserted their faith, in pursuit of falsehood.

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The following are what they have stated and believed in:

The Breakaways’ proposition nine: The relationship between receiving Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues
Receiving Holy Spirit is like the wind while speaking in tongues is its sound which is the voice. Jesus said in the book of John: The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going.”

When someone receives the Holy Spirit, it is like he has been given a phone. When he speaks in tongues, it is like he makes a call through the phone. They are connected to each other but also not exactly the same in some respects.

How can we know if one has received the Holy Spirit? The only proof is speaking in true tongues. If anyone says this is a phone, it must be used to make calls. If anyone claims he is the owner of the car, he should be able to provide the vehicle license. Vehicle license is not the car but it is the proof to show the ownership. Receiving Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues fulfill the burnt offering and peace offering respectively in old covenant which are usually combined together. If we want to achieve continuous peace from God, we shall always pray in tongues since it is Jesus praying for us. It is Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. It is the prayer in truth. It is the renewal of the Holy Spirit is throughout the whole lifetime, while receiving Holy Spirit is for God to give you the Holy Spirit, which will be completed at one time. The moment He gives you the Holy Spirit, you immediately receive the Holy Spirit.

Our responses based on the Bible: Ulterior Motives of the Breakaways

1. There are two obvious reasons for such a deviant claim. One is that they have lost the Spirit. On account of what Jude says, a divisive person is without the Holy Spirit (Jude 19). To justify the position of where they are in now, they separate receiving the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues in natural consequence.

Ultior Motives of the Breakaways (continued)

2. Another reason is that they have been taken captive to do the will of the wicked one. This is proposed to deceive those who have not yet received the Holy Spirit, particularly those who have been in the church for a long time and have yet to receive the Holy Spirit. They can be 'comforted' by the proposition that they have already received the Holy Spirit though they do not speak in tongues. The danger is, with the passage of time, the need to pray for the Holy Spirit will be eradicated from the church.

Biblical Principles

1. The coming of the Spirit upon the believers is uniquely evidenced by tongue-speaking, with the episode of the downpour of the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost as the initial pattern, the blueprint for the church (Acts 2:1-4; 10:44-48; 11:15-17).

2. Being filled with the Spirit comes with receiving the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4). According to the book of Acts, those who were filled with the Spirit began to speak with other tongues. Cornelius, who later received the Holy Spirit, proves this point. When Peter and some brethren heard the Gentiles speak in tongues (there was no mention of being filled by the Holy Spirit), Peter concluded that their own Pentecostal encounter of the Spirit was the same as theirs (Acts 10:47; 11:16-17; 15:8). Therefore, those who had been filled by the Spirit in Acts are those who had first received the Holy Spirit.

3. The 120 were given utterance by the Spirit before they left the upper room. The sound of the tongues drew many to observe the outpouring of the Spirit. The speaking in tongues here was not an after event and could not have happened sometime after they were filled by the Spirit. The sound they heard was inseparably connected to receiving the Holy Spirit at the time. This prompted Peter to stand up and explain to those who mocked them. While confirming the coming of the Spirit, he did not differentiate the two; rather, he showed them that they were witnessing the reception of the Spirit. Inevitably, the sound (speaking in tongues) alludes to receiving the Holy Spirit.

This explanation falls neatly in line with the entire scene of the 120 receiving the Holy Spirit. There are two signs described in the passage. One is the rushing of a mighty wind and the other is divided tongues as of fire (Acts 2:2f). In the original text, breath, wind and spirit share the same root word. In addition, Jesus also compares being born of the Spirit to the wind and its sounds (Jn. 3:8).

Biblical Principles (continued)

With this in mind, the two signs stated in the first downpour of the Holy Spirit clearly could not have been a coincidence. In particular, the divided tongues (speaking in tongues) is qualified with the expression “as of fire”, which is all the more unique and yet consistent with the overall teachings of the Bible. The fire does not flicker unless there is a breeze. This is used to describe the coming of the Holy Spirit on the 120. Undeniably, the breeze has to come before the fire starts to rage. Undoubtedly, there is a point of contact and continuity between the two, for the first to initiate the second. Likewise, the 120 must have been filled by the Spirit at the point of receiving the Spirit, before they began speaking in tongues.

In a Nutshell

1. When someone has lost the truth, he cannot even understand the most basic of truth, the truth of salvation. The example (the hand phone) they used shows how pitiful they are. How can one possessing of the phone and using the phone be used as an example to explain the receiving the Holy Spirit and the speaking in tongues? Speaking in tongues is the evidence of receiving the Holy Spirit it confirms the presence of the Spirit. Making a call or using a phone does not necessarily justify the fact that the caller is the owner of the phone.
2. The reason is very simple. When one disregards the truth of God, the wicked one shall come to snatch the truth away from him (Mt. 13:19; Lk 8:12). He is of all the most pitiable. Having known the truth previously, now he is blinded.