

A NEW SEASON

“We’re entering a new season of expressing our core values and what we’re called to do.”



an active
and ongoing
experience of
life with the
Spirit

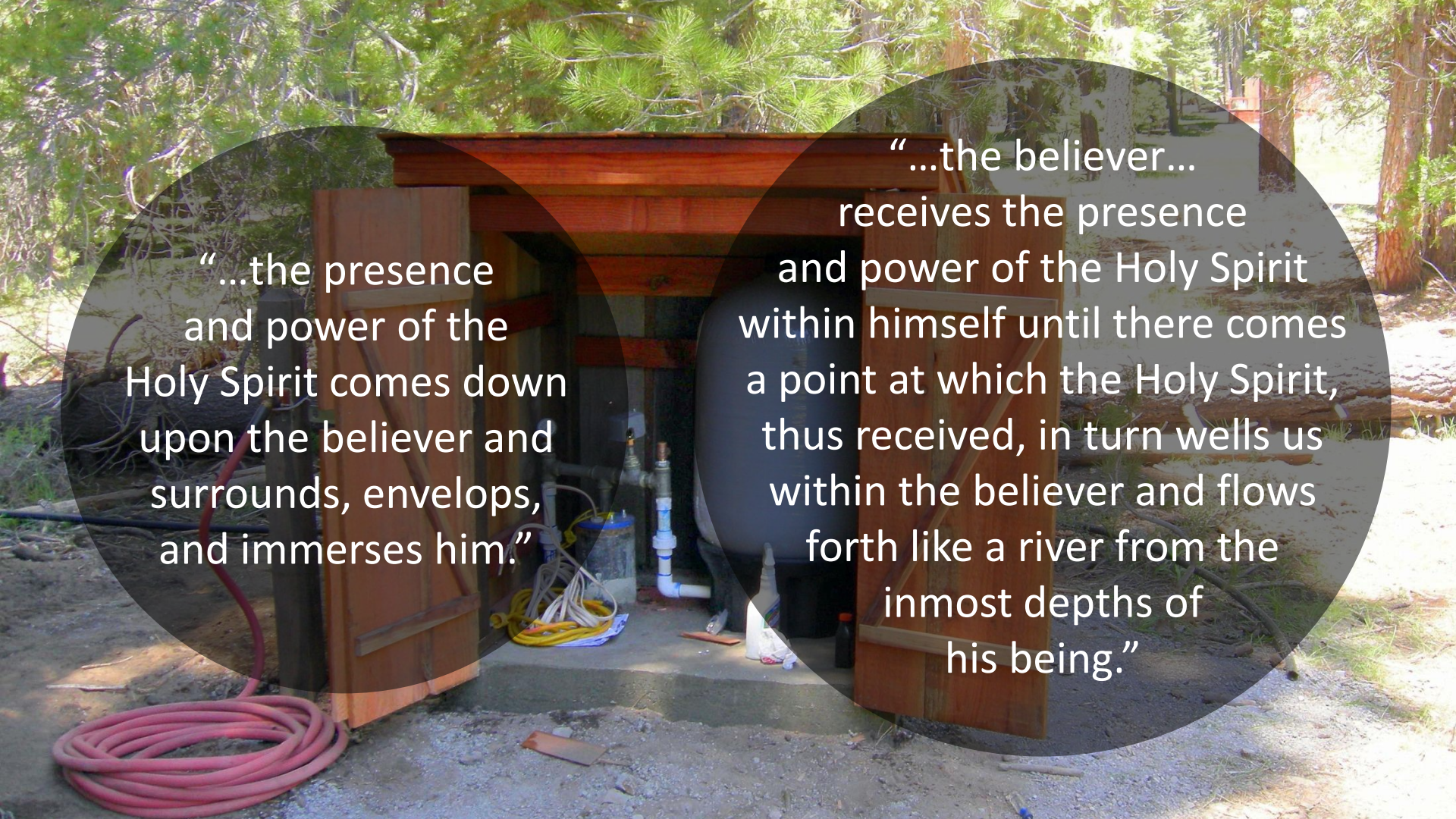
Acts 1:4-5 ESV

And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”



baptizo
to immerse;
to submerge





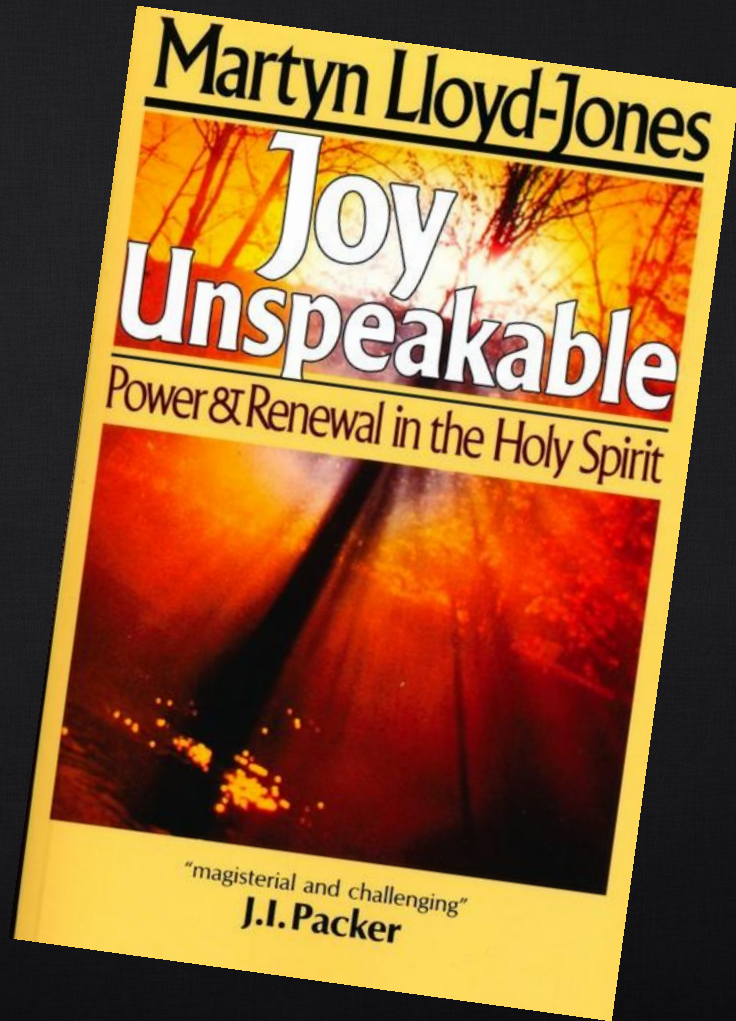
“...the presence and power of the Holy Spirit comes down upon the believer and surrounds, envelops, and immerses him.”

“...the believer... receives the presence and power of the Holy Spirit within himself until there comes a point at which the Holy Spirit, thus received, in turn wells up within the believer and flows forth like a river from the inmost depths of his being.”

Acts 2:38-39 ESV

“Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

Is there
biblical support
for baptism
with/in the
Holy Spirit
as a separate
experience
following
salvation?



“...the baptism with the Holy Spirit is always something clear and unmistakable, something which can be recognized...”

While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God.

Acts 10:44-46 ESV

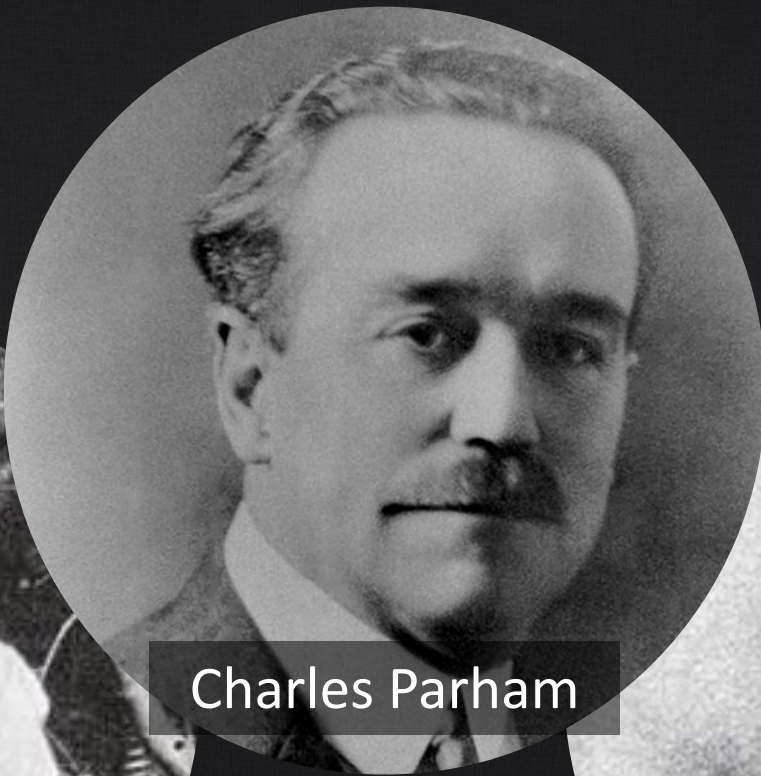
...they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying.

Acts 19:5-6 ESV

Is speaking in tongues *the* “clear and unmistakable”
evidence of being baptized in the Spirit?



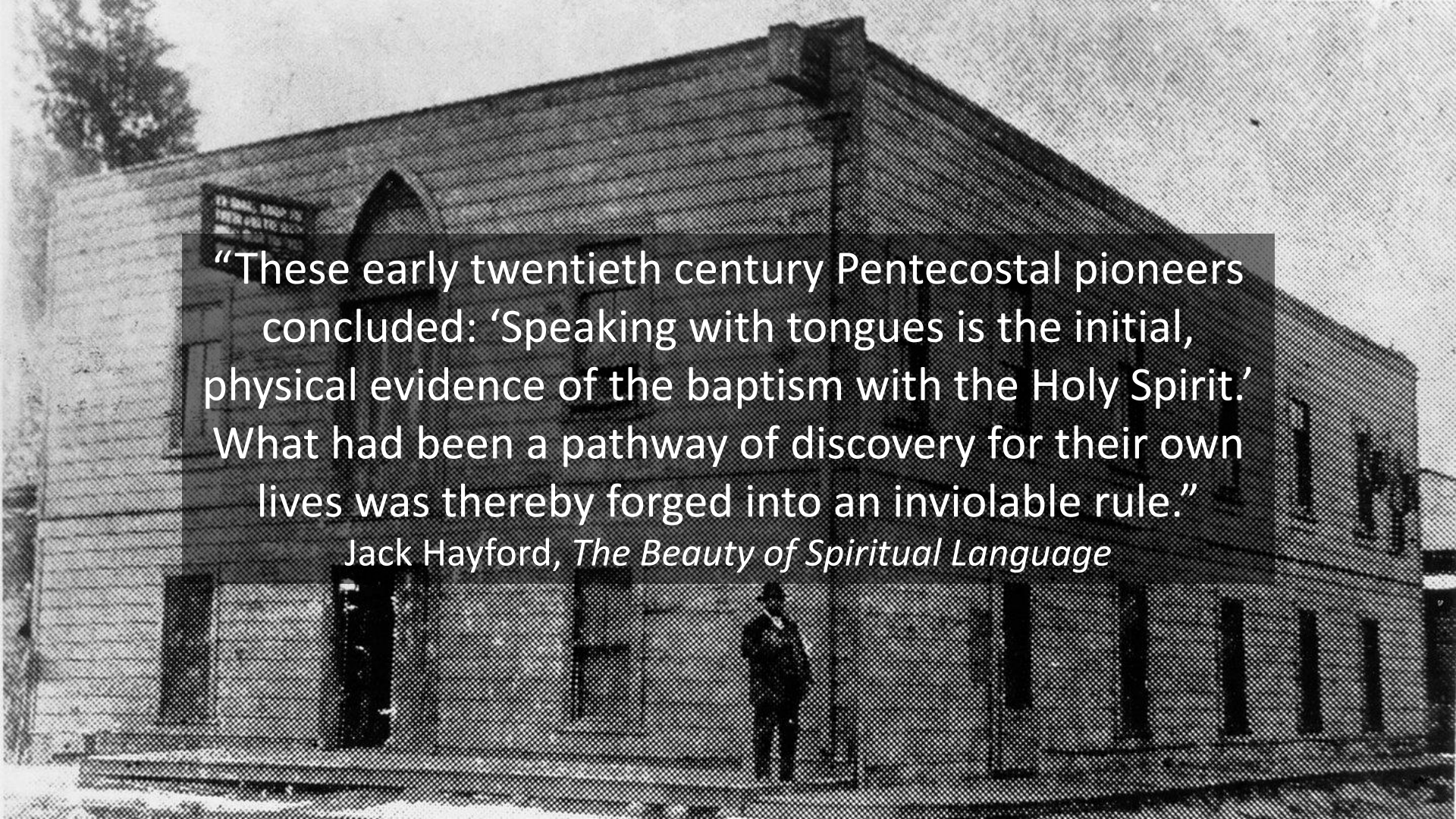
Agnes Ozman



Charles Parham



William Seymour



“These early twentieth century Pentecostal pioneers concluded: ‘Speaking with tongues is the initial, physical evidence of the baptism with the Holy Spirit.’ What had been a pathway of discovery for their own lives was thereby forged into an inviolable rule.”

Jack Hayford, *The Beauty of Spiritual Language*

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“We cannot disprove the classic Pentecostal doctrine that the gift of tongues is the ‘initial physical evidence’ that baptism with the Holy Spirit has taken place in a person’s life, but we cannot conclusively prove it either.”

Tongues is
not mentioned
as a manifestation
in every account of
the baptism in the
Spirit in the book
of Acts.

Then they
laid their hands
on them and they
received the
Holy Spirit.

Acts 8:17 *ESV*

And laying his hands
on him he said, "Brother
Saul, the Lord Jesus who
appeared to you on the road
by which you came has sent
me so that you may regain
your sight and be filled
with the Holy Spirit."

Acts 9:17 *ESV*

And the
disciples were
filled with joy
and with the
Holy Spirit.

Acts 13:52 *ESV*

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There is no direct statement in Scripture that establishes tongues as *the* evidence of baptism in the Spirit.

Church history is filled with those who were obviously baptized in the Spirit, yet did not speak in tongues.

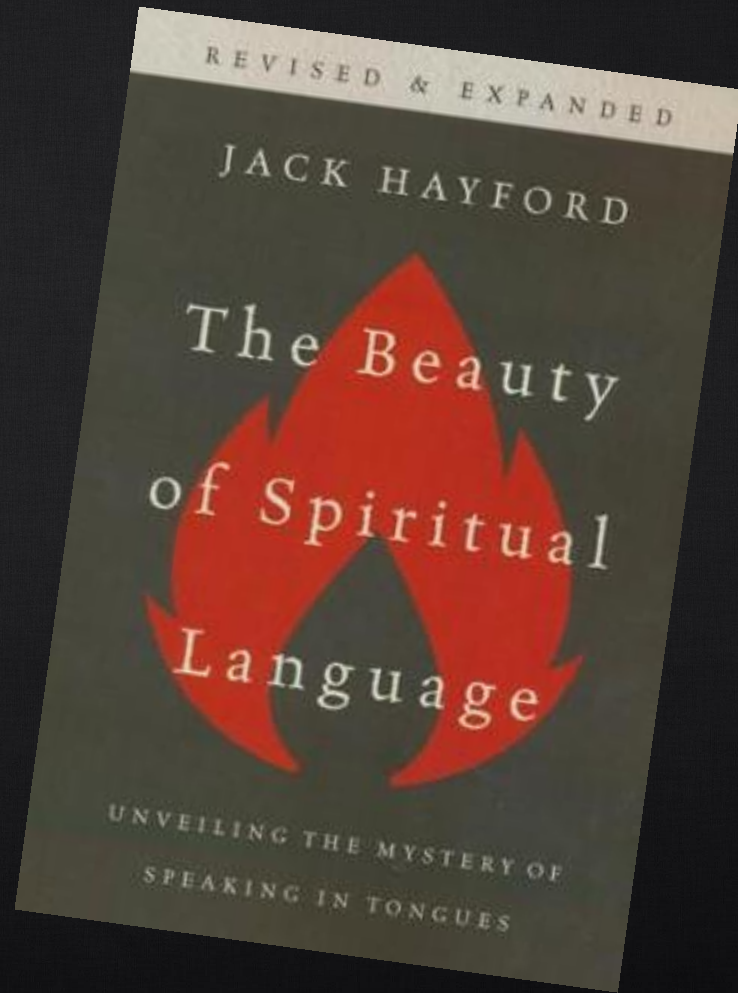
Duncan Campbell, *Revival In the Hebrides*

“And suddenly, the power of God fell upon the congregation... one side of the church threw their hands up.... Threw their heads back and you would almost declare that they were in an epileptic fit, but they were not. Oh, I can't explain it. And the other side they slumped on top of each other. But God, the Holy Ghost moved. Those who had their hands like this stayed that way for two hours. Now you try to remain like that with your hands up for a few minutes and you will find it hard – but you would break their hands before you could take them down. Now, I can't explain it – this is what happened.”

“That is God at work. Miracles, supernatural, beyond human explanation. It's God!”

“Tongues were not intended as a proof of baptism with the Holy Spirit but as a resource for praise, prayer, worship and spiritual warfare (intercession).”

Jack Hayford, *Explaining Baptism With the Holy Spirit*



If speaking in tongues is not *the* “clear and unmistakable” evidence of being baptized in the Spirit, what is?

Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory....

1 Peter 1:8 ESV

“...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you....”

Acts 1:8 ESV

...God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Romans 5:5 ESV

Though you do
not know me,
you will know
me by the
fruit that I bear
and the love that
I have for my
fathers and brothers.
My joy is in them,
and that is my
gladness.

1 Peter 1:8 ESV

...God's love
has been poured
into our hearts
by the Holy Spirit
who has been
given to us.
We love because
he first loved us.

Romans 5:5 ESV

“...you will
receive power
from the Holy Spirit,
who will enable
you to live in
obedience to the
truth and to love
one another as
I have loved you,
even to laying
down your life
for the friends
of the church.”

Acts 1:8 ESV