

## The Purpose Of Pentecost By T L Osborn

The Megachurch Book juxtaposes the way of the scripture to the way of the modern day church, particularly the megachurch. A broad range of subjects are explored including church membership, lavish buildings, dual church locations, the absence of men in the church, neglect of community, the corporate orientation of the megachurch, the tax exempt charter, and many more intriguing topics. The book primarily focuses on trends and practices that are found in African American community based megachurches. Certain topics are written in prose and biblical metaphoric style for greater impact. The more biblical versed a reader is, the more the book will resonate. In order to accommodate various levels of biblical familiarity, the author includes a Discussions and Supporting Scriptures section at the conclusion of each topic. The Megachurch Book was written to open dialogue, invoke discourse, and inspire church attendees to not only consider the appropriateness of certain megachurch practices, but to also question such practices.

An exposition of the apostle Peter's speech on the day of Pentecost. This book examines the issues surrounding the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the early church, and demonstrates that this dramatic event fulfilled the ancient prophecy of Joel. The Holy Spirit gifts were given for a limited time, and their main purpose was to enable the early Christians to effectively witness to the truth of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

A companion to "Jesus and the Gospels," Blomberg's ECPA Gold Medallion winner, "From Pentecost to Patmos" introduces serious Bible students to the depths of information found in Acts through Revelation.

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In Gift and Giver, a substantial revision of his 3 Crucial Questions about the Holy Spirit, prolific author Craig Keener takes a probing look at the various evangelical understandings of the role of the Holy Spirit in the church. His desire is for Christians to "work for consensus, or at least for unity in God's work despite our differences on secondary matters." Employing a helpful narrative approach and an ample number of stories, Keener enters into constructive dialogue with Pentecostals, moderates, and cessationists, all the while attempting to learn from each viewpoint. He seeks to bridge the gap between cessationists and Pentecostals/charismatics by urging all Christians to seek the Holy Spirit's empowerment. His irenic approach to this controversial issue has been endorsed by charismatics and non-charismatics alike. Sure to provoke helpful dialogue on a topic that has caused unfortunate divisions within the church, Gift and Giver will be a valuable addition to college and seminary courses on pneumatology. It will also be helpful to lay readers interested in a balanced discussion of spiritual gifts.

Acts is the sequel to Luke's gospel and tells the story of Jesus's followers during the 30 years after his death. It describes how the 12 apostles, formerly Jesus's disciples, spread the message of Christianity throughout the Mediterranean against a background of persecution. With an introduction by P.D. James

As the young pastor of a self-satisfied English congregation in the 1880s, Samuel Chadwick was so frustrated over his lack of power in the pulpit that he collected his sermons in a pile and set fire to them. The result was immediate: The Holy Spirit fell on him.

Finally an influential leader in the evangelical movement takes a new look at an old story, the Day of Pentecost, and the events that led up to it. Against the backdrop of biblical history and first century Israel, Phil Brassfield will lead you on an amazing quest to discover what really happened at Pentecost, the journey that led to it, and how it can impact your life in a fresh and powerful way. Discover your own destiny as you walk with Jesus and his first disciples toward one of the great defining moments of all of religious history, the outpouring at Pentecost that birthed the church. And as you make the trip with them, you'll experience the Passion, Purpose, and Power of the fulfillment of God's promise in your life as well!

Are the gifts of tongues, prophecy, and healing for today? No, say cessationists. Yes, say Pentecostal and Third Wave Christians. Maybe, say a large sector of open-but-cautious evangelicals. What's the answer? Is there an answer? Are Miraculous Gifts for Today? takes you to the heart of the charismatic controversy. It provides an impartial format for comparing the four main lines of thinking: cessationist, open but cautious, third wave, and Pentecostal/charismatic. The authors present their positions in an interactive setting that allows for critique, clarification, and defense. This thought-provoking book will help Christians on every side of the miraculous gifts debate to better understand their own position and the positions of others. Wayne Grudem has brought online the four major views on miraculous gifts today.

Downloading them into your own understanding takes effort, but the worldwide network that you join is the fellowship of the Spirit! The Counterpoints series provides a forum for comparison and critique of different views on issues important to Christians. Counterpoints books address two categories: Church Life and Bible and Theology. Complete your library with other books in the Counterpoints series.

Originally written in the mid-1800s by Fr. Andre-Jean-Marie Hamon, a holy French priest, this five-volume set has a beautiful new layout and new formatting yet retains the charm of the original text. A time-honored guide for daily personal spiritual direction since the mid-1800s, many generations of families have handed down "Meditations for All the Days of the Year" to their children. Whether or not you have a spiritual director, these daily readings will guide your soul through today's turbulent times--bringing you closer to God and assisting your growth in virtue. These prayerful, thought-provoking, and powerful lessons will help you achieve holiness on your journey towards a joyful and happy life, while making firm strides toward Heaven. This five-volume set promises to become a family heirloom that you will hand down for generations, too. About the author: Born in 1795, Fr. Andre-Jean-Marie Hamon was to become a professor of dogma

at the seminary of St. Sulpice in Paris in 1821, a seminary superior in 1843, and later, pastor of St. Sulpice in Paris in 1851. Fr. Hamon turned down the office of Bishop all three times it was offered to him, preferring instead to work with the poor and write spiritual works. He published a number of works anonymously or sometimes used the pseudonym J. Huen-Dubourg, borrowed from his mother's name, Lehuen-Dubourg. Fr. Hamon died in 1874.

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Since 2007, use of the Roman Missal of 1962 has been broadly permitted within the church. This creates, in effect, two liturgical years running concurrently. In *Advent to Pentecost*, Abbot Patrick Regan compares the prayers and prefaces, readings and rubrics, calendar and chants of the 1962 Missal with those of the Missal as it was revised following the Second Vatican Council, now in its third edition. The result is a striking demonstration of the splendor and superiority of the reformed Missal over its predecessor, at least as far as the liturgical year is concerned. Regan's chapters on Advent, Lent, and the Easter Season are particularly informative because these seasons are so different in the two missals. Perhaps less obvious are the differences between Holy Week and the Triduum. Regan not only describes external modifications in the services as restored by Pius XII in 1956 but explores deeper theological currents, especially in the relationship between the passion and resurrection of the Lord in the one paschal mystery, to show how advances in this area find expression in the current Triduum celebrations and throughout the fifty days of Easter. The originality of the book lies mainly here. The most urgent liturgical challenge today, the author contends, is to raise the *ars celebrandi* to the same level of excellence as the Missal itself.

A lifetime of reflection and examination on the book of Acts

*Complete set of Pentecost to the Present*. The author has carefully researched what evidence and reports there were in the early Church, and found that far from dying out, the Pentecostal sparks continued to spread through the known world. These three volumes give documented historic evidence of signs, wonders and miracles, leading to a massive expansion of the Church to the present day. *Book One: Prophetic and Spiritual Gifts Movements* covers the period from the early Church through the Middle Ages when much of northern Europe was converted through miracle-working missionary monks. *Book Two: Reformations and Awakenings* covers the period from the Middle Ages to the early 20th century, including the Renaissance, the Enlightenment and how that affected Christianity both in Europe and the new World. *Book Three: Worldwide Revivals and Renewal* brings us up to the present day, sparked by the Welsh Revival of 1904-5 and Azusa Street in 1906 followed by the charismatic renewal and the global rise of Pentecostalism.

Devotion to the Person of God the Holy Spirit is mostly limited to a few prayers and to the 9 days Pentecost novena to the Holy Spirit. The purpose of this book, therefore, is to promote devotion to the Holy Spirit. In this book, you will find a 7-week novena to the Holy Spirit every day from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. The novena culminates with a prayer of consecration to the Holy Spirit and a prayer of thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit for Pentecost Day. Although this book contains a novena of prayers to the Holy Spirit from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday, nonetheless, the prayers in this book are by no means to be said only from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday or only on the days assigned to them. Any of the prayers in this book can be prayed, recited, or said at special occasions, when you have a special intention in mind, and at any time of the year. Additional prayers have been provided at the end of the book so that the fervor for the Holy Spirit is unceasing and ever new.

With exegetical depth, objectivity, and clarity Richard B. Gaffin examines prophecy and tongues and makes a case for the cessation of both gifts at the close of the apostolic era. Pentecost is presented as integral to the once-for-all work of Christ and decisive for the life of the whole church. Dr. Gaffin's biblical theological perspective is thorough. He defines all the spiritual gifts generally; he clarifies the nature of prophecy and tongues and the question of their continuance in the church today; and he indicates how these exegetical studies bear on contemporary interest in charismatic gifts. - Back cover.

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PRAY WITHOUT CEASING. —1 THESSALONIANS 5:17, MEV

The purpose of Pentecost is the filling of the Spirit of Christ "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." - Acts 1:8 Christ comes to live within us for the purpose of flowing through us to accomplish a purposed plan. The baptism of the Holy Spirit was to bring to death all self-sourcing. As Jesus constantly lived in the flowing of the Father, so we are to constantly live in the flowing of the Spirit of Christ. As Jesus was consistently sourced by the Father, so we are to be sourced by the Spirit of Christ. Think of the life that could be lived in the power and sourcing of God!

Craig Keener is known for his meticulous work on New Testament backgrounds, but especially his detailed work on the book of Acts. Now, for the first time in book form, Cascade presents his key essays on Acts, with special focus on historical questions and matters related to God's Spirit.

God's plan for the life of every man, woman and child is total happiness, health and success. In God's Love Plan, T.L. Osborn exposes the root of all problems, shows the way out of problems, reveals seven available blessings and seven foundation facts, then turns over the Master key that has opened a new lifestyle of happiness, health, prosperity and self-worth to millions worldwide.

This book will become one of your favorite and reliable resources as you continue to discover what it means to be a carrier of God's life. As you study and embrace the 52 facts that are included in this book, they will establish your faith in the fundamental and unchanging truths of God's provision for you. When you receive Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, you no longer need to grovel, beg for forgiveness of sin or seek the dignity that comes to you through Christ. You will cease to continually fight the devil or struggle to live a life of peace and purpose. It is God's Life In You that makes the difference. Know these truths. Embrace and believe each one. Determine to LIVE each day according to the redemptive reality of God's Life In You.

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A Study of Transition in the Book of Acts  
Kregel Academic

Two thousand years ago, a Jewish fisherman stood up before a crowd of thousands to explain an extraordinary event. A bewildered crowd had heard the wonders of God being declared in their own languages. Peter's explanation? This was the fulfillment of the promise of the prophet Joel--a promise that in the last days people would prophesy, see dreams and visions, and perform signs and wonders. That extraordinary day and that extraordinary promise have shaped the church over the last two thousand years. The question before us is, what does it mean for us today? This book seeks to address and answer some of those questions by examining carefully the verses in question, Acts 2:17-21, and their wider context and purpose.

The book, "Catholic Charismatic Renewal and Life in the Spirit" is a must read for all Christians who desire the deeper understanding of the Holy Spirit and the Pentecostal experience. It is a book that will help one to understand the work of the third Person of the Blessed Trinity, God the Holy Spirit and to maintain an ever-deepening relationship with Him. It illuminatingly explains gifts, in particular the gifts of prophecy and tongues which the author depicted as the prominent gifts of Pentecost. He maintains that the Fresh Outpouring of Pentecost is a continuous event and explains the purpose of sending the Holy Spirit. The author argues that the gift of tongues is for every baptised Christian but not mandatory, and he elaborately explains the spiritual benefits of the gift of tongues, as well as how to desire the gift of tongues and indeed other gifts. The evidence of the author's knowledge of the bible was amazing as he underpins all his claims with precise quotations from the Holy Book. This book is timely because it is only through the work of the Spirit that the tide of our contemporary society, in which shameful sins are increasingly being applauded, supported and even legally enthroned, will be turned. The understanding of the renewal leads to life in the Spirit which this book aims to foster. I therefore encourage you not only to get this book, but also to read it for the all-important understanding and to deepen relationship with God.

There was more to the day of Pentecost than the giving of spiritual gifts. The real gift was that a group of people were changed from being separate to being one... they received community. Such a corporate experience can happen today, to you and your church. "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." How do you take a group of Christians for whom the gospel and Christian life seems relatively powerless, and infuse into them power to change them and their church? You need genuine apostolic (think early church) community. Not the type of community that you find in a monastery, or among the amish, but something that happens in the hearts of people. This book describes such a thing, and talks from both experience and scripture.

Are you ready to go deeper in your relationship with the Holy Spirit? From Passover to Pentecost is a fifty-day journey specifically designed to prepare you for a fresh and deep experience with the Holy Spirit. In From Passover to Pentecost, Cynthia shares that the Bible tells us to count the fifty days beginning with Passover and ending with Pentecost, called in Hebrew Shavuot (Leviticus 23:15-16). It was on this fiftieth day called Pentecost that the first believers received the Holy Spirit (Acts 2). They had been waiting in Jerusalem for the "Promise of the Father" when God's Spirit fell on them. I believe that as we wait upon the LORD from Passover to Pentecost, preparing our hearts by giving Him our love and devotion, we too can receive a fresh endowment of power and revelation through the ever-present living Spirit of God! This book will encourage you to enter into a new place of intimacy with the Holy Spirit, and receive a fresh impartation of power and revelation.

Evangelicalism's premier historian provides a general introduction to church history.

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