

Teaching on the Holy Spirit	Word of God	Examples	Key Issues
<b>Pentecostal:</b> Falls from heaven; angelic tongues a universal sign;	Acts 2:2 - 4	UPC; 4 Square; Assembly of God; Chi Alpha; Full Gospel	Trinity; Apostolic Authority; Sufficiency of Christ; Extra Biblical Revelation;
<b>Charismatic:</b> Universal experience of "Filling of the Holy Spirit"; no doctrinal statement	Ephesians 5:18	Spirit Filled; Dove; Alpha Course Initially cell groups in churches but now have own churches	Unity of the Godhead; Centrality of Cross (watershed); Extra-Biblical Revelation
<b>Evangelical Mystic:</b> Word of God is understood and interpreted by personal mystical experience	Galatians 5:16 & 25	God in a box God can do anything If it is spiritual / miraculous and good results it is from God Who are we to judge	"I know what I experienced..." "stale doctrine" God has put us in a "Book" - I Corinthians 4:6; Revelation 22:18 - 20
<b>Red Letter Evangelical:</b> Word of God is understood and interpreted by Words of Christ	Luke 11:13	What did Jesus say? Where Jesus is quiet we should not take a stand	Pitting the members of the Trinity against each other; Jesus did not actually write any of the Word of God.
<b>Evangelical Pragmatist:</b> Word of God is understood and interpreted by what works	I Corinthians 9:22	Para-church ministries, seeker churches, mega churches "Cannot argue with success" "The word of God was applicable in the past and we hope for the future but right now we must be pragmatic..." Cultural context, whether real or imagined, is everything to the Evangelical Pragmatist	The Word of God ceases to have meaning; "We are not sure what this verse means" or "scholars are divided over this issue" Sidesteps the work of God - persecution on the one hand and miraculous intervention on the other For the Evangelical Pragmatist Doctrine is sacrificed to peace, growth and unity Not true for Jesus 6:65 - 67
<b>Conceptual Christianity:</b> Word of God is understood and interpreted by my comfort level	Mark 7:6 - 9 2 Thessalonians 2:15	"I am a Pentecostal" or "That is not the way we do things" or "Laugh"	Cease to think about the Word of God; So called "self-evident" truths; Even though correct their arguments will seem shallow
<b>The Teaching of God the Holy Spirit:</b> Word of God is understood and interpreted by the Word of God. The holy Scripture is closed. No extra Biblical Revelation by revelation or experience.	Ephesians 1:13 & 14 - (compare with John 5:24) Ephesians 1:3 II Peter 1:3 Colossians 2:9 Romans 8:9	God the Holy Spirit has the final say on all things pertaining to Himself Point of Salvation The church age is the period of written Revelation No spiritual gift or manifestation will contradict the fruit or the teaching of the Holy Spirit.	Salvation, receiving Christ, receiving the Holy Spirit, the New Birth are all simultaneous and inseparable one from another. The age of the written Word of God; Gifts and manifestations are defined by the dual tests of Biblical Revelation and Extra Biblical Revelation

**From Assembly of God website** “We believe the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the initial physical evidence of speaking in other tongues is the promise of the Father to every Christian who desires the experience.”

### **From The United Pentecostal Church website**

#### **Oneness of God**

In distinction to the doctrine of the Trinity, the UPCI holds to a oneness view of God. It views the Trinitarian concept of God, that of God eternally existing as three distinctive persons, as inadequate and a departure from the consistent and emphatic biblical revelation of God being one.

The UPCI teaches that the one God who revealed Himself in the Old Testament as Jehovah revealed himself in His Son, Jesus Christ. Thus Jesus Christ was and is God. In other words, Jesus is the one true God manifested in flesh, for in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily (John 1:1-14; I Timothy 3:16; Colossians 2:9).

While fully God, Jesus was also fully man, possessing a full and true humanity. He was both God and man. Moreover, the Holy Spirit is God with us and in us. Thus God is manifested as Father in creation and as the Father of the Son, in the Son for our redemption, and as the Holy Spirit in our regeneration.

1. Is the word *trinity* in the Bible? No.
2. Does the Bible say that there are three persons in the Godhead? No
3. Does the Bible [speak](#) of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost? Yes.
4. Do these titles as used in Matthew 28:19 mean that there are three separate and distinct persons in the Godhead? No, they refer to three offices, roles, or relationship to humanity.

#### **Chi Alpha (Assembly of God student movement) website:**

**we believe...** a mark of surrender to the Holy Spirit is speaking in tongues.  
**so we pray...** that God would grant us this supernatural gift.