

Waves of the Spirit Part 2

Denominational Barriers

Review: All these great Christian denominations were founded on the ministry of exceptional men and women who loved God so much that they gave up their lives to live for Christ Jesus. Their disciples nourished these denominations into maturity, resulting in the organizations we have today. However, organizations, like people and animals, have an instinct for survival; they are self-perpetuating; and, as a result, like people they tend to resist changes. God's revelations always require changes in thought, in action and in lifestyle.

Overview: All good teachers desire that their students should surpass them. We, as students of Christ, should desire to stand on the shoulders of the giants of our faith. Let us not be like the Head of the US Patent Office who in 1899 sent to President McKinley a letter recommending that the Patent Office be closed because "Everything which could be invented had already been invented." Do you not believe that, the giants of faith around whose revelations our denominations were founded, would be delighted to see us copying their examples by receiving new revelation of the Scriptures from God and believing it and living it as they did.

Foundation Scripture:

Hab 2:14 For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

Pre-20th Century Barriers

A. The Wave of Grace - (1530+)

1. Many rejected the Doctrine of Grace and stayed with the Catholic Church.
2. Some churches accepted the Grace Doctrine but retained many rituals

B. The Wave of Baptism - (1560+)

1. Some churches rejected that Baptism requires the making of a public confession and be done by full immersion in water.
2. By rejecting that teaching and confession of faith are necessary for Baptism, these churches are set up to miss the Wave of Evangelism.
3. Baptism and Evangelism go together, and since they require teaching, this Wave of the Spirit clearly excludes infant baptism.

Mat 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Mat 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have

Mar 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Mar 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

C. The Wave of Evangelism - (1700+)

1. Some churches failed to ride the Wave of Evangelism because they believe in predestination.

Refer: abcbms.org Choose - ABC videos/Predestination or Free Will.

2. Failure to accept Evangelism results in missing the Pentecostal and Healing Waves.

Early 20th Century

A. The Pentecostal Wave (1900+)

1. Day of Pentecost. – early church. Acts 2:1-8, 17-21

The church age was started with the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, and with Evangelism.

B. The Healing Wave (1940s – 50s)

1. Missing the Healing Wave means missing out on the Gifts of the Spirit with signs and wonders.
2. Lk 9:2 He sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.
3. Mat 10:7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Mat 10:8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

C. The Faith Wave (1960s -70+)

1. Indirectly, missing the Waves of Evangelism and Healing sets churches up to miss the Faith Wave.
2. If one cannot believe what the Bible says about Healing, it will be impossible to believe the amazing things which it says about Faith.

Late 20th Century

A. The Prosperity Wave (1970 - 1980+)

1. If one misses the Healing and Faith Waves, one will miss Prosperity.
2. Without faith for healing, one will not have faith for prosperity.
3. 3 John 2 Prosperity of finances comes after prosperity of body.

B. The Word Wave (1980s – 1990+)

1. By failing to ride the Healing, Faith and Prosperity Waves, one has automatically rejected a major part of the Bible. Such a person has a mind already made up concerning the integrity of God's Word.

C. The Cleansing Wave (1990+)

1. Most of the churches in the Faith, Prosperity and Word Waves believe that Christians cannot have demons. In believing this, they automatically have rejected the Cleansing Wave, without which it is extremely difficult to enter the Wave of Unity, which is mandatory for the Waves of Authority and Dominion.

2. People believe that Christians cannot have demons because God is in them. if you accept that logic, it is difficult to explain how Christians sin because God is in them. Temptations come from demons (2 Cor 10:4-7).
3. In the Temple in Jerusalem, the people were separated from God by a curtain [veil] (Mt 27:51, Mark 15:38). Today, God is separated from the rest of the outer man by the veil of the heart of the inner man (2 Cor 3:14)
Refer: Salvation Parts 12 - 17 Pentachotomy Salvation.

21st Century

A. The Wave of Unity with the Spirit (2010+)

1. Churches and people will fail to partake of the Wave of Unity with the Spirit because they believe that it is impossible for people not to sin.
2. It is impossible not to sin as long as demons are in our bodies or lives.
3. Eph 5:27 They will reject the concept of a glorious church without spot or wrinkle, a holy church without blemish (a church without sins & demons).

B. The Authority Wave

1. Churches and people will fail to enter the Wave of Authority because they do not have a lifestyle of being led by the Spirit of God (Rom 8:14).
2. Churches and people will also fail to ride the Wave of Authority because they do not practice a lifestyle where they believe that whatsoever they say shall come to pass (Mark 11:23, Pro 18:21).

C. Dominion Wave (until Jesus returns)

1. Churches and people will fail to enter the Wave of Dominion because of a lack of trust in the integrity of God's Word and, in particular, in the authority and power which God has made available to the church.
2. Gen 1:26, 28 We have dominion over the earth , and over the heavenlies (Matt 28:18) and over satan (Heb 2:14).
3. John 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater [works] than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.
4. Rev 21:7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

Recommendation: Affirm many times per day, every day:

In the Name of Jesus, I have the Mind of Christ (1 Cor 2:16).

In the Name of Jesus, God has made the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart, soul and mind pleasing to Him (Ps 19:14).

I can do all things through Christ Jesus, Who strengthens me (Phil 4:13).