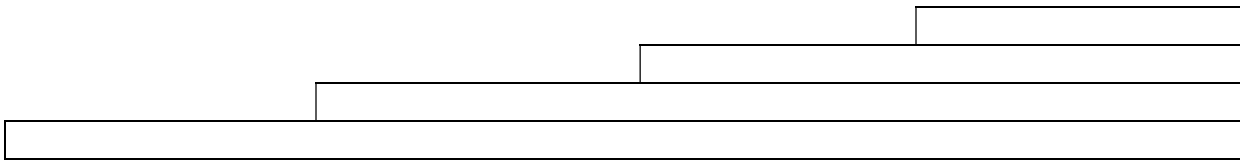
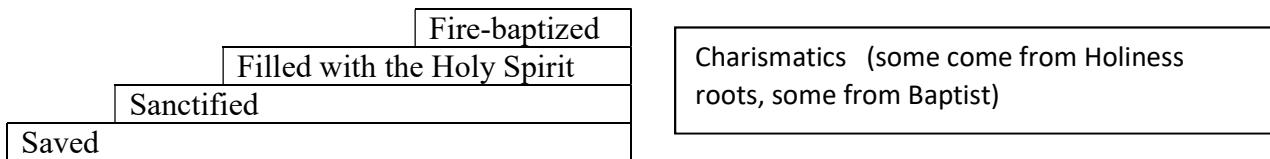
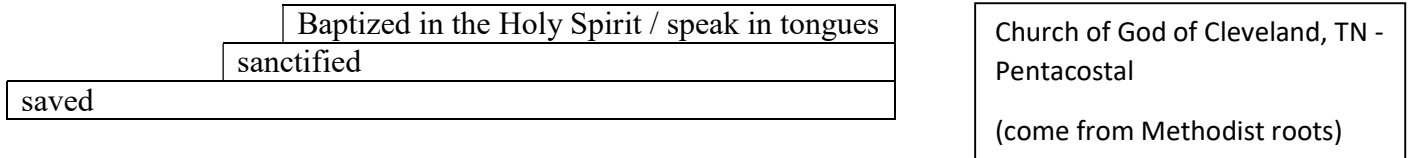
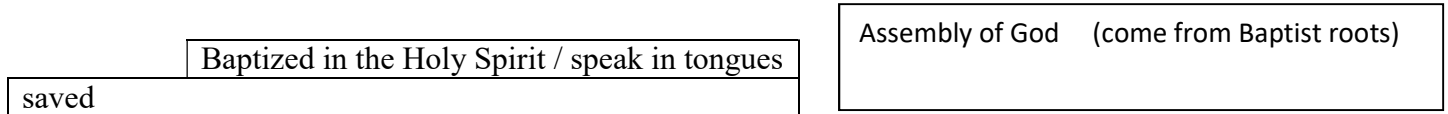


5. Charismania – so many variations



Evaluation of all step / stage Christianities:

➤ **All 5 miss the personal, relational, on-going relationship with the Living God!**

Matthew 4:19 And he saith unto them, **Follow me**, and I will make you fishers of men. Matthew 4:20 And they straightway **left** their nets, and **followed him**.

Matthew 7:23 And then will I profess unto them, **I never knew you**: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Matthew 16:24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, **If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me**.

1 Corinthians 2:2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

Galatians 6:14 But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

Galatians 1:6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed **from him** that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

Galatians 1:15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, Galatians 1:16 **To reveal his Son in me**, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:

➤ **All 5 divert our attention away from Christ to something else**

Holiness: second blessing

Keswick: "it" – the experience, higher life

Revivalism: getting right with God / endless standards

Charismania: tongues, anointing, whatever

- **All 5 have little to do with Biblical Christianity**
- **All 5 put us in the long hunt for “it” and not Him!!!**
- **All 5 eliminate, in some way, the concept of growth in grace / sanctification as a process!**

1 Peter 2:1 Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, **1 Peter 2:2** As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, **that ye may grow thereby: 1 Peter 2:3** If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

2 Peter 3:18 **But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.** To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

2 Thessalonians 1:3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because **that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth; 2 Thessalonians 1:4** So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure:

Psalm 92:12 The righteous **shall flourish** like the palm tree: He **shall grow** like a cedar in Lebanon. **Psalm 92:13** Those that be planted in the house of the LORD **shall flourish** in the courts of our God. **Psalm 92:14** They **shall still bring forth fruit** in old age; They shall be **fat and flourishing;**

2 Peter 1:5 And beside this, **giving all diligence,** **add** to your faith virtue;
and to virtue knowledge;

2 Peter 1:6 And to knowledge temperance;
and to temperance patience;
and to patience godliness;

2 Peter 1:7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

2 Peter 1:8 For if **these things** be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:9 But he that lacketh **these things** is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

2 Peter 1:10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: **for if** ye do **these things,** ye shall never fall:

2 Peter 1:11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.