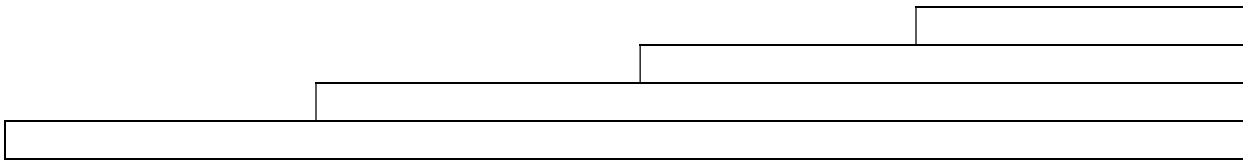
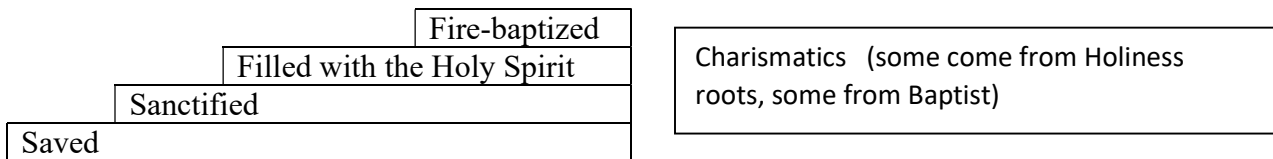
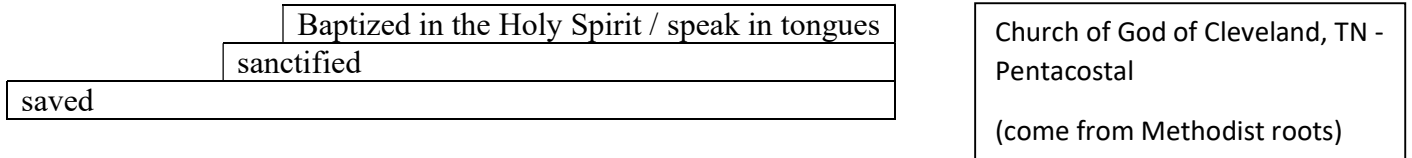
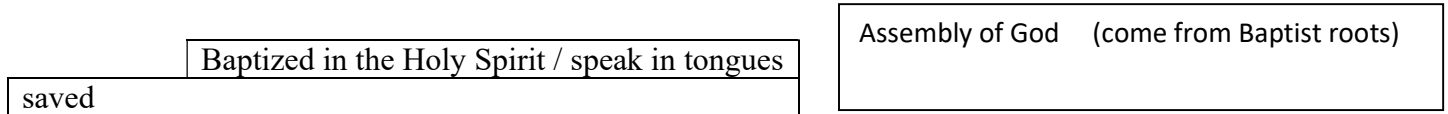


5. Charismania – so many variations



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.

- **All 5 attempt to find a shortcut to maturity!**

This is actually the very nature of the concept!

- **All 5 tend toward “more righteous than”...thinking!**

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Have and have not
Do and do not
Have's and have more
Know and know not

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 3:5 **Not** that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; **but** our sufficiency is of God;

2 Corinthians 4:5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

1 Corinthians 12:13 For by one Spirit are we **all** baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been **all** made to drink into one Spirit.

➤ **All 5 make little / less of salvation and more / much of the next step**

In fact, the next stage / step is often what seals the deal!

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

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.

Colossians 2:6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: **Colossians 2:7** Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

Colossians 2:9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. **Colossians 2:10** And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

➤ **All 5 have stages / steps that are permanent stages**

1 Corinthians 2:14 But the natural (**Ψυχικός δὲ ἄνθρωπος**) man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. **1 Corinthians 2:15** But he that is spiritual (**Ὁ δὲ πνευματικός**) judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

1 Corinthians 3:1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual (**πνευματικοῖς**), but as unto carnal (**σαρκικοῖς**), even as unto babes in Christ. **1 Corinthians 3:2** I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. **1 Corinthians 3:3** For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? **1 Corinthians 3:4** For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?

Hebrews 12:14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

➤ **All 5 miss the many different metaphors (word pictures) for growth in grace**

1 Peter 2:2 As newborn babes, **desire** the sincere milk of the word, **that ye may grow thereby**:

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.

John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

Galatians 5:16 This I say then, **Walk** (**περιπατεῖτε**) in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Galatians 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also **walk** (**στοιχῶμεν**) in the Spirit.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 4:1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye **walk** worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

Ephesians 4:17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth **walk not** as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,

Ephesians 5:2 And **walk** in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

Ephesians 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: **walk** as children of light:

Ephesians 5:15 See then that ye **walk** circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

Ephesians 6:12 For we **wrestle** not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Names:		
Following	Obeying	Trusting / believing
Walking	Pursuing	Loving

Serving	Standing	Fighting
Warring	Running	Wrestling
Growing	Adding	

➤ **All 5 make much of the next step / stage and little of salvation**

(Obviously there is a spectrum)

Philippians 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath **begun** a good work in you **will perform** it **until** the day of Jesus Christ:

Romans 13:11 And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: **for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.**

Hebrews 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author (*ἀρχηγόν*) and finisher (*τελειωτήν*) of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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Colossians 2:6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: **Colossians 2:7** Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

Philippians 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, **as ye have always obeyed**, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.** **Philippians 2:13** **For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.**