



## **5 Facts to Know About: Pentecostalism**

1. Pentecostalism is a Protestant Christian denomination that was born out of the charismatic, evangelical revival movements of the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. It was organized in early 20<sup>th</sup> century and is now one of the fastest growing denominations in the world with approximately 13.7 million adherents in the United States and 279 million worldwide.
2. There is no central governing body for Pentecostalism, but many churches belong to the Pentecostal World Fellowship.
3. Pentecostalism embraces the idea of spiritual baptism, which can manifest itself in speaking in tongues and divine healing.
4. There is a great amount of variety within Pentecostalism due to questions over the trinity vs one-ness of God and whether focusing on divine healing means modern medicine should be rejected or embraced.
5. Famous American Pentecostals include Oral Roberts, Megan Fox, Denzel Washington, Marvin Gaye, Al Green, and John Ashcroft.

Learn more at:

<http://pentecostalworldfellowship.org/about-us>

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/christianity/subdivisions/pentecostal\\_1.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/christianity/subdivisions/pentecostal_1.shtml)

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Pentecostalism>

*These five points are not meant to be comprehensive or authoritative. We hope they will encourage you to explore this tradition more deeply and seek out members of this community to learn about their beliefs in action. It is our firm belief that in understanding our differences we will better understand our common humanity.*

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