



## **5 Starter Facts About Pentecostal Christianity**

1. Pentecostalism is was born out of the evangelical revival movements of the late 19th century. There are ~13 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. Most Pentecostals believe they practice a pure and simple form of Christianity, like the earliest stages of the Christian Church. They believe the Bible is the word of God and completely without error.
3. Speaking/interpreting tongues, prophecy, and healing are believed to be gifts from the divine. During worship, Pentecostals allow and even encourage dancing, shouting, and praying aloud. Many believe in lively worship because of the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is praying aloud, clapping and shouting, and sometimes oil anointments.
4. There is a great amount of variety within Pentecostalism due to questions over the trinity vs oneness of deity and whether upholding divine healing means modern medicine should be rejected or embraced.
5. The day of Pentecost, the namesake of the denomination, is the baptism of the twelve disciples by the Holy Spirit. It is celebrated as a joyous festival on the Sunday 50 days after Easter.

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)

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

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