

**THE NIGERIAN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

**THE WAVE OF PENTECOSTALISM AND ITS IMPLICATIONS  
ON THE NIGERIAN BAPTIST CONVENTION.**

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## **ABSTRACT**

This study was carried out to determine the wave of Pentecostalism and its implications on the Nigerian Baptist Convention. The researcher sought to find out the problem, negative and positive effects of Pentecostalism on The Nigerian Baptist Churches. He also made effort to find the effects of this phenomenon on some of our doctrinal beliefs. Such include the work, operation and manifestation of the Holy Spirit, our mode of worship, prayer and evangelism.

In an attempt to find the extent of the wave of Pentecostalism on in the above stated areas, Questionnaire, which consists of twenty-four items, was used for data collection. These data were analyzed using tables, frequency counts and simple percentage. Based on these facts and findings conclusions were drawn, some recommendations were put forward and advice to Pentecostal ware offered.

all Christians Pentecostal and non-Pentecostal alike must seek for the Spiritual gifts from Biblical interpretation and cultural requirements.

There is a dive need for a mature attitude of dialogue, friendship and tolerance on both sides of Pentecostal and non-Pentecostal. No side should condemn the other as unchristian or unspiritual. Christian should emphasis the discovery, effective use and recognition of the gift of the spirit in conformity with our tradition of using the bible as authority for faith and practice.

## **CONCLUSION**

As it is seen in the reaction of Baptists based on the questionnaires, interviews and the analysis of both negative and positive effects of Pentecostalism in chapter four of this thesis, the influence of Pentecostal movement were positive in seven areas and negative in five areas of the church. We have to learn how to rely and count on God for us to receive this blessing. The primary purpose of receiving the power of God is to be a witness for Christ. This is what many genuine Pentecostals are cry for.

The bible is the sole authority of believers in all matter of doctrines. We must trust God and believe that the bible is an inherent word. All that is written in the bible are just and truth. Let us follow its leading and not human wisdom and knowledge, which is, meant to suit ones feeling, purpose and desire.

admirable abound till today God does all thing in his own time, by his own means, for his own glory and according to his own sovereign will and pleasure. People who have one problem or the other must not be looked down as unbelievers.

## **5.4 Recommendations**

In the light of the conclusions drawn form the fact and figures previously prevented and discussed in this study, the following recommendations are offered.

1. Baptist Churches in Nigeria today desperately needs a stronger emphasis on the need for being constantly filled with the spirit of the Living God. Without the help of the spirit, all her organizations, all her machinery, will be powerless and in effective.
2. Our Baptist Churches must have a great concern than ever before for satisfying man's emotional needs. This is not to say that we must necessarily fall into the same error found in some Pentecostal churches that went into extreme of mistaken emotional excitement for spiritually. We must realize that man usually have an emotional feelings, which the church must not because of doctrinal reasons but leave for failure to satisfy their basic needs.
3. Nigerian Baptist Church Pastors should pray more and constantly depend on God. We must substitute board meetings, resolutions

and attendance to functions for prayer Bible Study and Counseling to meet the need of the congregation.

4. Pentecostals are usually not afraid to give their best time to witness. Their far-flung missionary endeavors put many other Christian denominations to shame. Baptist denomination should learn the importance of being ready at all times to witness for our Lord and the need for greater missionary zeal.
5. Small-group fellowships should be encouraged in our denomination. This is because it is the best way in which the Church of our time can meet the need of individual. As we meet in Bible study, prayer, and Christian fellowship, one is stimulated by faith and testimony of others thereby have his problem solve too. This will reduce the influx of Baptist into other denomination.