

# The Challenge

Here is the challenge I present my Pentecostal friends and brothers in Messiah. I think it's a fair challenge. I mention this same challenge in my Spirit and the Bride essay, but I'd like to bring it up alone right here. And basically, it goes like this. Present evidence that anyone today is going around doing the miraculous healings of Yeshua and the apostles, or acknowledge that the base beliefs of Pentecostalism are false, and be restored to a more orthodox church.

I know it may sound rude, but it's basically put up or shut up. If what Pentes claim to be true is, then show us, and I will have to admit it and join the movement. If you can't show us, then why believe it is true in the first place?

The miracles of the 1<sup>st</sup> century were:

- 1: Many
- 2) Great healings of major organic illnesses
- 3) Complete healings, not mere improvements
- 4) Occurred immediately or in a very short time

If you know of pastors or congregants at Pente congregations who go about doing these things, please let me know. We're talking about lepers being cleansed, the blind receiving sight. We're talking about other quite similar reversals of major disabilities. That's what was going on in the 1<sup>st</sup> century. That's what Pentes should show now, if their claims are true. Remember, please do not report one isolated case of something miraculous occurring. It must be a regular gift, occurring through a believer. Please don't come with a mere anecdote either. They should be claims that can be clearly documented.

If you find you cannot document these things, nor can your Pente pastor nor can well-known Pente "healers" then maybe it is time to accept that the gifts have ended. Maybe it's time to drop the falsehood readily apparent in the movement. Like I say, I see nothing unfair about this request.

Feel free to contact me about this anytime.

Many Blessings

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