

There are approximately **644 million** Pentecostal and Charismatic Christians worldwide, representing over 25% of all Christians and about 8% of the total world population. This rapid-growth movement, often called "Spirit-empowered" Christianity, is concentrated in the Global South (Africa, Latin America, and Asia) and is projected to reach 1 billion by 2050. 

Global Breakdown of Pentecostal/Charismatic Adherents

- **Africa:** 230 million
- **Latin America:** 195 million
- **Asia:** 125 million
- **North America:** 68 million
- **Europe:** 21 million
- **Australia/Oceania:** 4.5 million 

Key Characteristics and Components

- **Independent Charismatics (259 million):** This group is the largest, representing independent churches and networks.
 - **Charismatics in Mainline Denominations (234 million):** Includes Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant believers who hold Pentecostal beliefs.
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- **Classical Pentecostals (92 million):** Members of established Pentecostal denominations.
- **Growth:** The movement has grown from 58 million in 1970 to over 600 million today.
- **Regional Dominance:** 86% of all Pentecostals/Charismatics reside in the Global South. 

In the United States, about 36% of adults (roughly 80 million) identify with this movement, with high concentrations in the South and among younger generations. 

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

¹⁵ "If you love me, obey  my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate,  who will never leave you.

¹⁷ He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.

Baptism acts 2:4

16. John 16:13

“However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.” *(NKJV)*

AKJV And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

LSB And behold, I am sending the promise of My Father upon you, but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

LEB And behold, I am sending out what was promised by my Father upon you, but you stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

TLB "And now I will send the Holy Spirit upon you, just as my Father promised. Don't begin telling others yet—stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven."

MSG He went on to open their understanding of the Word of God, showing them how to read their Bibles this way. He said, "You can see now how it is written that the Messiah suffers, rises from the dead on the third day, and then a total life-change through the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed in his name to all nations—starting from here, from Jerusalem! You're the first to hear and see it. You're the witnesses. What comes next is very important: I am sending what my Father promised to you, so stay here in the city until he arrives, until you're equipped with power from on high."

1. Acts 2:4

“And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” *(NKJV)*

2. 1 Corinthians 14:2

“For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.” *(NKJV)*

3. 1 Corinthians 14:4

“He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself.” *(NKJV)*

4. Romans 8:26

“Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.” *(NKJV)*

5. Romans 8:27

“The Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.” *(NIV)*

6. 1 Corinthians 14:2

“For one who speaks in an [unknown] tongue speaks not to men but to God, for no one understands or catches his meaning, because in the [Holy] Spirit he utters secret truths and hidden things [not obvious to the understanding].” *(AMP)*

7. 1 Corinthians 14:13

“Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret.” *(KJV)*

8. 1 Thessalonians 5:23

“Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” *(NKJV)*

9. Jude 20

“But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.” *(NKJV)*

10. 1 Corinthians 14:14

“For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.” *(KJV)*

11. 1 Corinthians 14: 15, 17

“I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.... For you indeed give thanks well, but the other is not edified.” *(NKJV)*

12. Mark 16:17

“And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues.” *(KJV)*

13. 1 Corinthians 14:18

“I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all.”
(KJV)

14. Acts 10:44-46

“While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.” (NIV)

15. Acts 19:1-6

“While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, ‘Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?’

“They answered, ‘No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.’

“So Paul asked, ‘Then what baptism did you receive?’

“‘John’s baptism,’ they replied.

“Paul said, ‘John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.’ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.” (NIV)