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PART 8: WHAT IS HOLY GHOST POWER?

FALSE HOLY GHOST MANIFESTATIONS

The Holy Ghost is a person, He is God and the third person of the Godhead.
Matthew 28:18-19

When a demon possesses a person, that person will display the personality of that demon. **Matthew 17:14-15; Mark 9:14-27**

When the Holy Ghost baptizes a believer in Christ, he is possessed by the Holy Ghost and will display the characteristics of God. **Galatians 5:22-25**

There have been reports during the last 40 years of revival and Holy Ghost manifestations but not all of them were from the Holy Ghost. Here are some of the most well-known reports of counterfeit manifestation:

The Toronto Airport Vineyard Church revival in 1994 featured manifestations like laughter that people could not control, falling on the ground and writhing, violent shaking, roaring like lions, barking like dogs and being led around with a dog leash to show off for the public that reacted with roaring laughter. There was another manifestation called "crunching," when the person had a series of uncontrollable vomit like heaving and this was labeled as a cleansing by the Holy Ghost.

The 1995 Brownsville revival in Florida was much of the same manifestations as in Toronto but with a twist as people were thrown to the floor, writhing violently and foaming at the mouth.

Then there was the 2008 Lakeland revival in Florida. The leader of this circus was the Canadian evangelist Todd Bentley. The same manifestations as Toronto and Brownsville also occurred but Bentley started to kick people with his combat boots, other times hitting them with his fists and knocking people over. He explained that he was under the anointing of the Holy Ghost and that it was the Holy Ghost that made him to act like this.

Despite the horrible abuses allowed by the pastoral leadership, tens of thousands of people were saved and had their lives changed, but at the same time, thousands returned home possessed by demons. **Matthew 13:24-30**

The most detestable counterfeit manifestation took place at a meeting where Kenneth Hagin and Kenneth Copeland acted like two drunk men, laughing uncontrollably and unable to stand up by themselves. Between the laughter, Hagin hissed like a serpent and twisted his tongue like one too. From time to time



he would throw what people in the occult call a “power bolt” and the result was that people were thrown to the floor like trees in the path of a tornado.¹

Any true believer in Christ cannot picture God the Father or Jesus the Son acting like a drunk. **1 Timothy 4:1-2; 2 Peter 2:1-3**

TRUE MANIFESTATIONS FROM GOD

What kind of manifestations are truly from God?

1. A believer in Christ who is baptized in the Holy Spirit will have a desire to preach or share the Gospel. **Acts 2:14-16; 36-40**
2. You should expect healings to happen. **Acts 3:1-9**
3. There will be boldness in God’s people. **Acts 4:18-33**
4. Every lie will be exposed. **Acts 5:1-11**
5. You should expect supernatural miracles. **Acts 12:1-11**
6. There will be supernatural guidance. **Acts 13:1-4**
7. The dead will be raised. **Acts 9:36-42**
8. There will be prophecy. **Acts 20:22-30**
9. You will have power over deadly serpents. **Acts 28:1-6**

People who are baptized in the Holy Spirit are possessed by God and therefore will manifest the characteristics of God.

A man will be known by his fruit, and if he displays the fruit of the Holy Ghost, it will be evident that he has been baptized in the Holy Spirit!
Matthew 7:15-20

Remember, it’s not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?

¹ www.youtube.com/watch?v=yDDCULdnLrQ