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# Our God IS the God of another chance

It is now fairly apparent that GOD has sovereignty done just that since Martin Luther. And perhaps even before Luther's time (which could include Wycliffe 1300 AD, and the Lollard poor priests of England 1400 AD).

Perhaps we can prophesy about the future based on our understanding of the Bible patterns and our study of the way church history has followed 'the pattern of the 50 year cycle of the year of Jubilee.

Here is a quick review of the scripture about JUBILEE. You may want to read the whole 25th chapter of Leviticus for more detail. "And ye shall hallow the 50th year and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a JUBILEE unto you, and ye shall return every man to his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family. A JUBILEE shall that 50th year be unto you, ye shall not sow, neither reap that which owe h of itself in it, nor gather the grapes in it of thy vine undressed, For it is the JUBILEE, it shall be holy unto you."

## MAJOR REVIVALS

Here is a history of the church that shows how GOD sent the spirit of revelation to the church fathers about every 50 years, Each one received a continuing and progressive, but independent revelation.

## JUBILEE HISTORY

We think that the history of the church can be used to predict the future because GOD has always dealt with us in predictable cycles of time. The 50-year JUBILE (modern spelling is JUBILEE) is important to recognize nowadays. The Old Testament gave us a type and shadow of things to come when GOD told Israel that He would bring a restoration every 50 years - in the year of JUBILEE.

### 1300 - 1500 AD

Roman Catholics preserved Bible manuscripts. Wycliffe translated Bible into English. Reading scripture brought questions about authority and practice.

### 1500 - 1600 AD

Reformation. Luther. Salvation by faith, not works. Anglican. Anabaptists, Calvinism. Baptism.  
Some tradition challenged.

1600 - 1700 AD

Puritan. Outer Holiness. Scripture expositions. Bible authority. Congregational move against  
ecclesiastical hierarchy.

1700 - 1800 AD

Methodist. Wesley. Whitefield. Inner Holiness. Sanctification. Second work. Rejection of formal  
ecclesiastical education for ordination. Brush arbor.

1800 - 1900 AD

Brethren priesthood of all believers. Learn from experience as well as theology. Missionary  
evangelism. Salvation Army. Social reform.

1900 - 2000 AD

Pentecostal. Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Speaking in tongues. Healings, prophecy, law, judgment,  
condemnation.

Charismatic. Love not law.

2000 AD

New thing. Mercy, forgiveness, love, light, life.

"It becomes obvious that we should not think that any movement has recovered everything or has consummated the process. The attitude of "we have got it all" has all too often characterized the more enlightened of God's people. We must see each movement as a part of a Divinely instituted spiritual process that must go on." This is an edited quote from the book ANOTHER WAVE ROLLS IN! by Frank Bartleman, published by Voice Publications, Box 672, Northridge, CA 91324.

We believe that GOD'S intentions are working through a group referred to in the Bible as the remnant or the called out ones. But we also believe that the failure of the denominations to embrace new truth is no surprise to GOD. In fact, He wants it to be that way.

I had a recent experience that demonstrates a point. I displayed the picture of the fishes -showing each revival and commented how each revival became a denomination. The congregation saw the point. Then I asked those protestants, to praise GOD for the Roman Catholics. No one responded. They didn't want to. Then I explained that the Bible on their lap was translated from other translations that trace directly to M.S.S.1260 which is the Vatican. If the Roman Catholics would not have preserved the manuscripts - then there would have been no Bible for us! Then they all praised GOD for the Roman Catholics.

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN

But the story is only half told. The other side of the coin shows how selfish people continue to mess things up.

When Luther received the revelation of salvation by faith, not works - it caused Roman Catholics to kill Lutherans and Lutherans to kill Catholics.

When the Anabaptist under Menno Simons (Mennonites) received further revelation concerning baptism then Lutherans killed Mennonites and Mennonites killed Lutherans.

When the Puritans (Pilgrims) received further truth concerning Outer Holiness the, Anglican church (Anabaptists) expelled them from England.

When the Methodists (Armenians) embraced the second work of sanctification for the Inner Holiness the Pilgrims of Massachusetts passed laws against being a Methodist.

When the Pentecostals participated in tongues and proclaimed it as the initial evidence of the-Baptism of the Holy Spirit then the Methodists deposited their garbage with force on the front porch of Pentecostal homes.

When the Charismatics taught that a person could receive the Holy Spirit as a gift of love rather than working for it through law, then the Pentecostals organized the Charismatic people into new small denominations with Pentecostal teachers as the heads, and returned the people to traditional Pentecostal teachings of law, submission, spiritual authority and structured church. Presently they blacklist people who teach mercy, forgiveness, love, light and life.

A friend of mine asked another friend, "What is the definition of the word denomination?" The reply was, "A tombstone to a past revival!"

I think that the pattern shows us that the Charismatic move will be organized into several hard kernel denominations by vociferous Pentecostal leaders. Out of it may come the remnant that will embrace the good in all of the past revivals and reject the bad.

It is possible that the remnant may overcome the last enemy, which is death. They could live, love and rule and reign with Christ for a millennium. The lesson that I see from all of this is to "eat the grapes and spit out the seeds." This lesson may produce violent reaction – but it is time to say it.