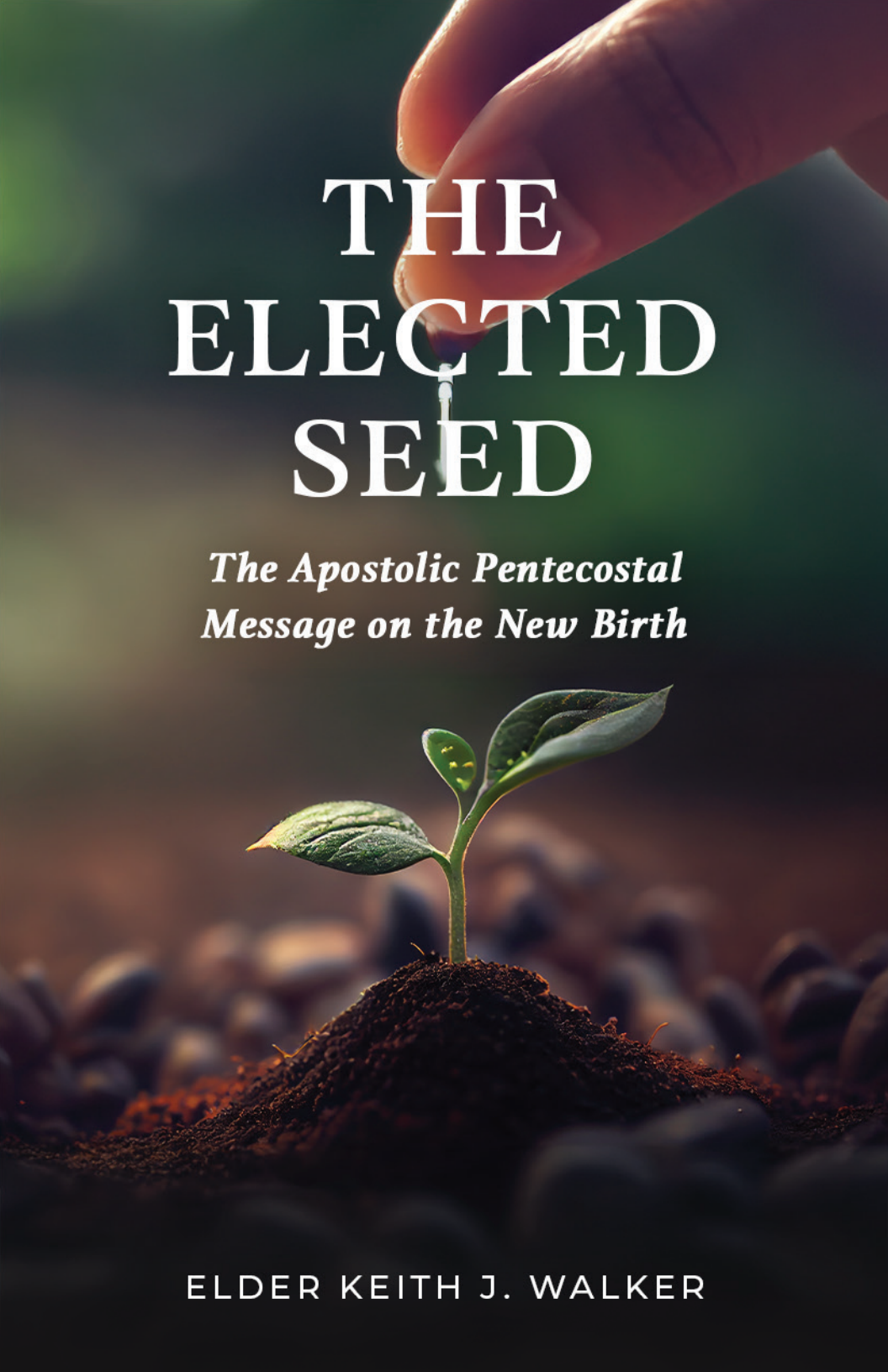


A close-up photograph of a hand holding a small seed between the thumb and index finger. The seed is positioned directly above a small, green seedling that has just sprouted from a mound of dark, rich soil. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting a natural, outdoor setting. The lighting is warm and focused on the hand and the seedling, creating a sense of care and growth.

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Introduction

We are the Apostolic Pentecostal Church, born in the upper room on the Day of Pentecost. We hold the Oneness, Jesus-Name Apostolic Pentecostal message based on Acts 2:38: repentance, baptism in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and the gift of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues. This booklet sets forth, in clear and corrected language, the truths you provided about who the elect are, how they are identified, and the covenant rights of those born again of water and Spirit.

Who We Are — The Elected Seed

We are the children of God, the elect of God. The Scriptures speak of God's elect in Romans chapters 2, 3, 8, 9, 10 and 11. We are those who have been elected and adopted by the Spirit of God, sealed by the Holy Ghost. The birthright promise of the Spirit is sealed by the Holy Ghost and fire with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

The Bible is clear that we are the true Israel of God under the new covenant (Acts 2:38). We are the blood-covenant children of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (see Galatians 3; John 3). The new birth in Acts 2:38 identifies the people of God in the last days: those

born of water and of the Spirit.

The New Birth — Water and Spirit

To be children of God is to be born again of water and of the Spirit (John 3:3–8). This new birth includes three vital elements:

- Repentance and confession of the Lord Jesus Christ as the one true God.
- Water baptism in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.
- Baptism in the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

These three elements are the identification marks of those who have been born again in the Apostolic way (Acts 2:38).

The Three Identification Marks

1. True Repentance and Confession

True repentance of sins and the public confession that Jesus is Lord — that He is the one true God — is the first mark (Acts 2:21; Acts 16:31; Acts 2:36; Romans 10:8–13). We reject the doctrine of a three-person Trinity as an interpretation contrary to the Oneness revelation that Jesus is the Almighty God in

flesh.

2. Water Baptism in Jesus' Name

Baptism must be administered in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sins — there is no other scriptural formula for baptism (Acts 2:38; Acts 4:12; Acts 8:12–17; Acts 19:1–6; Acts 22:16; Mark 16:16–17; Luke 24:47–49). The ordinance of baptism is an essential part of the new birth when done in the name of Jesus.

3. Baptism in the Holy Ghost with the Evidence of Speaking in Tongues

The baptism in the Holy Ghost is accompanied by the initial physical evidence of speaking in tongues, as on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:4; Mark 16:17; Acts 10:43–48; Acts 19:1–6). Speaking in tongues is the sign of sonship and the unmistakable evidence of having received the Spirit of God.

Scriptural Foundation (Selected References)

The doctrine and identity we proclaim are rooted in Scripture. The following passages are among those that declare or support the Apostolic understanding of redemption, adoption, and the new covenant in Christ:

- Acts 1:1–8; Acts 2:1–39 — The outpouring of the Spirit, repentance, and the promise to you and to your children.
- Acts 2:38–39 — Repent, be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
- Romans 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11 — Teachings regarding God’s chosen, justification, faith, and the people of God.
- Galatians 2:20–22; Galatians 3:13–29; Galatians 4:4–7 — The new life in Christ, sons and heirs through faith.
- Colossians 2:11–13; Colossians 3:17 — The circumcision of Christ and living for the Lord.
- John 3:3–8; John 1; John 3:16 — Born again of water and spirit; Jesus as God and Savior.
- 1 Peter 2; James 1 — The people of God and practical Christian living.
- Mark 16:16–17; Luke 24:47–49 — Preaching repentance, baptism, and the promise of power from on high.
- Hebrews (various chapters) and 1 John 5:6 — The blood, the water, and the Spirit testify to Jesus Christ.

1. Covenant Rights and Access to the Throne

As born-again children of God, we have covenant rights through the blood, the water, and the Spirit (1 John 5:6). We are heirs and have access to the throne

of grace (scriptural references declare the believer's privilege to draw near to God). The new birth grants us exceeding great and precious promises — we are God's elect, adopted as sons and daughters (Galatians 3; Galatians 4; Romans 8).

2. The Identity of God and Jesus

We affirm that God is Spirit and that Jesus is the name of God incarnate. The Oneness revelation teaches that Jesus Christ is the one God manifested in the flesh. Salvation is found in Jesus Christ and in His name.

Conclusion and Invitation

The Apostolic Pentecostal message is simple and powerful: repent, be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and receive the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues. These are the marks of the elect seed — those who have been born again into the new covenant.

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