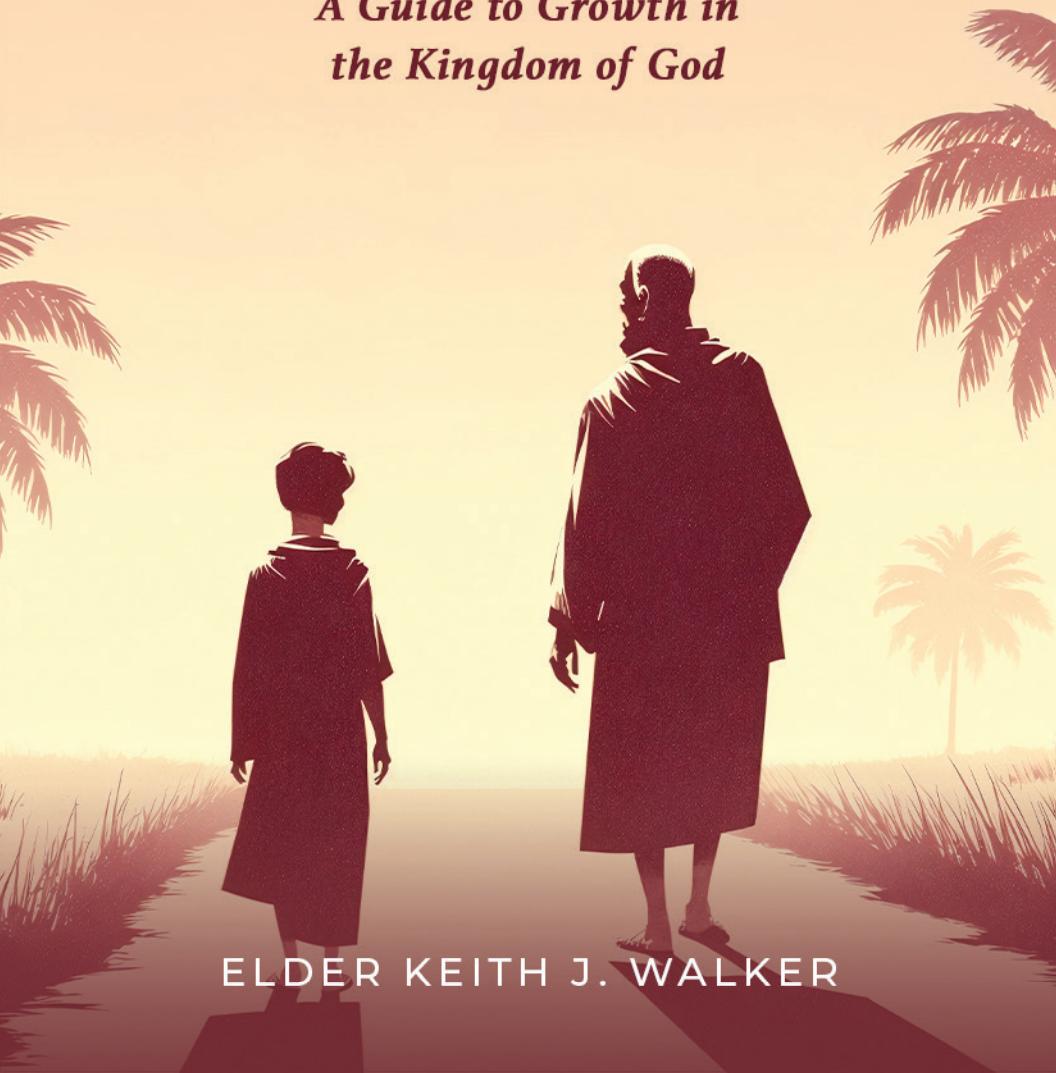


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## Introduction

A lifetime in the Apostolic Pentecostal Church begins when you're born again of water and spirit according to Acts 2:38. Now you are in the kingdom of God—a lifetime of forward steps in the kingdom and the school of the Lord Jesus Christ, focused on growth in the kingdom of God.

**Jerusalem: The Eternal Capital** Jerusalem is the eternal capital city of the Jewish nation and the place chosen by God for the Holy Temple. Inaugurated by King David and sometimes referred to as Zion, it has been the beating heart of Jewish life for 3,000 years. Located in the Judean hills, it is now a sprawling metropolis of gleaming stone, home to countless yeshivahs and a thriving center of Jewish scholarship and worship.

Jerusalem belongs to the Lord Jesus Christ, and His church, the Apostolic Pentecostal Church, will rule and reign with the Lord Jesus Christ for a thousand years during the millennium. After the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Battle of Armageddon, we will rule and reign with the Lord Jesus Christ, and backslidden Israel will repent and believe upon the Lord Jesus Christ, obeying Acts 2:38. Revelation chapters 7 and 14 make it clear that 144,000 Jews, who are born again of water and spirit,

baptized in Jesus' name for the remission of sins, and filled with the Holy Ghost—evidenced by speaking in tongues—will confess with their mouths that Jesus Christ is Jehovah God, manifested in the flesh, the Messiah, the one true God who sits upon the throne (Revelation 4:2-7; Revelation 5:1-10; Revelation 1:4-8; Revelation 7:14; Revelation 14; Revelation 15; Revelation 16; Revelation 19; Revelation 20; Revelation 21; Revelation 22).

These passages make it clear that Jesus is the one true God who sits upon the throne. Jesus is the Almighty Jehovah in Christ, the fullness of the Godhead bodily (Colossians 2:8-10; Colossians 1:16-19). Jesus is God in Christ (John 14:7-11, 20). There is no Trinity, no two thrones—only one throne with one who sits upon it: the Lord Jesus Christ (Isaiah 6:1-3; Isaiah 9:6; Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:21-23). Jesus is the Father, Jesus is the Son, and Jesus is the Holy Ghost—the only one (John 10:30-38). Jesus is the Father in His deity and the Son in His humanity, wrapped in one person, not two or three—one Almighty God in Christ (John 1:1-14; John 2:19-23; John 8:24-58). Jesus is the great “I Am,” the everlasting Father.

This introduction sets the stage for the rest of the booklet, providing a foundational understanding of the significance of Jerusalem and the nature of God

as revealed in Scripture.

## Learning to Walk

In teaching his child to walk, a father will place the child on the floor and stand a little distance away. He will then reach for the child, encouraging him to take his first step and thus reach his father. Encouraged by the thought, the child happily takes the step. Seeing this, the father now takes two steps back, hoping the child will follow suit.

Illustration: Imagine a young bird learning to fly. The mother bird nudges her chick to the edge of the nest, encouraging it to spread its wings. Initially hesitant, the chick finally takes the leap. It flutters awkwardly but soon finds its rhythm, soaring into the sky. Similarly, as Apostolic Pentecostals, we must take those first steps in faith, trusting in the guidance of our Heavenly Father.

As Apostolic Pentecostals, we must walk in the Spirit through the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire, with the evidence of speaking in tongues. This involves daily praying in tongues and living and walking in the spirit of His grace. The gift of the Holy Ghost, evidenced by speaking in tongues, signifies our sonship. Now that you are born again of water and spirit (John 3:3-8; Acts 2:1-4, 33-38), you are

continually moving forward—one foot in front of the other—growing in the grace of God and the fruit of the Spirit. Seek to be used in the nine gifts of the Spirit to edify the Bride—the body of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Hebrew Insight:** The Hebrew word for “walk” (לָלַח, halakh) implies a continuous journey, not a single act. It represents a lifestyle of obedience and faithfulness to God’s commands.

### The Goal

A mature child may stop and wonder: Why would his father foster an illusion of nearness only to retreat later? Why does he ask me to take a step forward only to become elusive once again? The father seeks to teach his son the true objective of life: it is not important to reach your father; it is important to walk on your own. This simple yet profound understanding enables the child to take a lifetime of forward steps.

Our Father in heaven interacts in the same way. He places us under the illusion that we can indeed reach Him. However, the more we learn, the more we discover how humble and insignificant we truly are. The more we know, the more we realize how much we still do not know. We may wonder in exasperation why He appears to be so close only to hide Himself once

again.

### Poetic Insight:

In the shadows of our doubt, He beckons with a light,  
A dance of faith and trust, leading us through the night.  
Each step a testament, a journey to behold,  
For in the heart of seeking, His mysteries unfold.

The wise Jew remembers that the goal is not to reach Him but to learn to take forward steps—indeed, a lifetime of forward steps.

### The True Israel of God

We, who are the completed Jews of Judaism, are the Apostolic Pentecostal Church birthed on the Day of Pentecost in Jerusalem in the Upper Room (Matthew 16:18-19). The founder of the Apostolic Pentecostal Church is the Lord Jesus Christ and the plan of redemption. The keys of the kingdom were given to Peter to preach the first salvation message (Acts 2:38).

Now that we are in the blood covenant, circumcised by the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues, and baptized in Jesus' name for the remission of sins, we are in the kingdom of God under

the Abrahamic covenant (Galatians 2:20-22; Galatians 3:13-14; Galatians 4:4-7; Romans 2; Romans 3; Romans 4; Romans 6:1-23; Romans 9 and 11).

Paul makes it clear that the true tree, the true Israel of God, the elect of God, the true Jew inwardly, are those of both Jew and Gentile (Acts 10:6-48; Acts 11:14-17; Acts 19:1-6).

**Fable of the Olive Tree:** In ancient times, an olive tree was planted in a garden. The gardener tended to it with care, nurturing its roots and branches. Over time, the tree flourished and bore fruit. Similarly, the Apostolic Pentecostal Church is the olive tree of God, rooted in His promises and bearing the fruit of the Spirit for all to see.

The true Israel of God is the Apostolic Pentecostal Church, which replaced Israel and became the true covenant people of God. Apostolic believers will rule in Jerusalem and reign with the Lord Jesus Christ. It will not be the Orthodox Catholic Church, the Armenian Church, the Egyptian Orthodox Coptic Church, the Russian Orthodox Church, nor the Protestant Trinitarian churches. It will be the true Israel of God, the elect of God, consisting of those who are inward Jews, born again of water and spirit according to Acts 2:38—the Apostolic Saints of all ages, the true Church of the Living God that was born

on the Day of Pentecost.

The New Jerusalem that comes down out of heaven is His Bride, His Body, His Kingdom. Those who are oneness of God (Acts 2:38) are the Apostolic believers referenced in Revelation chapters 21 and 22, as well as Revelation 19 and 17-18. The political and religious system of denominational organized religion is that whore that sits upon the waters, mixed with politics and religion.

### Walking in the Spirit

1. Empowerment by the Holy Spirit: The baptism of the Holy Spirit equips us with spiritual gifts and the ability to navigate life's challenges. It's through this empowerment that we can effectively witness, serve, and grow in our faith.
2. Continuous Growth: Just as a child learns to walk by taking one step at a time, our spiritual journey involves consistent forward movement. We are called to continually seek God, study His Word, and engage in prayer. This growth is not always linear; there may be moments of stumbling, but each step brings us closer to Him.
3. Obedience and Trust: Walking in the Spirit requires obedience to God's leading. We must trust

that He knows what is best for us, just as a child trusts their parent. This involves being sensitive to the Holy Spirit's guidance and responding to His promptings in our lives.

4. Community and Support: In the same way that a father encourages his child, we are called to support one another in our spiritual journeys. The church community plays a vital role in helping each other grow, offering encouragement, accountability, and love.

5. A Lifelong Journey: The process of learning to walk in the Spirit is ongoing. We must remain committed to our growth in the kingdom of God, understanding that each step we take is part of a larger journey toward spiritual maturity.

**Greek Insight:** The Greek word for “spirit” (πνεῦμα, pneuma) signifies breath or wind, representing the life-giving force of God that empowers us to live righteously and boldly in our faith.

## Conclusion

As Apostolic Pentecostals, we embrace the call to walk in the Spirit, continually taking steps of faith toward our Heavenly Father. Through the Holy Ghost and fire, we are empowered to grow, serve, and fulfill

our purpose in the kingdom of God.

Let us encourage one another to keep moving forward, trusting in God's guidance, and celebrating each milestone along the way. Just as a father delights in his child's progress, God delights in our growth and our steps toward Him.

### Final Reflection:

In the tapestry of faith, each thread weaves a story, Of grace, of love, of hope, and glory. With every step, we rise and soar, In the Spirit's embrace, we find our core.

My booklet aims to provide a deeper understanding of walking in the Spirit and growing in the Kingdom of God, enriched with illustrations, insights, and poetic reflections that inspire and encourage the reader on their spiritual journey.

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