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## Preface

This booklet is written for those who love the Lord Jesus and long to see His Church restored to the apostolic order recorded in Acts and rooted in Ephesians and the epistles. It addresses what I call “wild olive branch” churches — ministries that began from splits, personal charisma, or merely human initiative rather than clear apostolic release and divine order. It calls for repentance from denominationalism and trinitarianism , correction of false doctrine (including the triune dogma where it contradicts the Apostolic Pentecostal witness of the oneness of God ), and the reestablishment of fivefold ministry, elder oversight, and the birthright message of Acts 2:38.

### Chapter 1 — Definition: Hodge-Podge / Wild Olive Branch Churches

- Hodge-podge (definition for this booklet): A mixture of church practices, doctrines, or structures combined without coherent apostolic order or divinely recognized authority; often the product of personality-driven splits, compromise, or reactionary reformation rather than a divinely commissioned planting.
- “Wild olive branch” (usage): Borrowing imagery

from Scripture (cf. Romans 11's olive tree language), these are branches grafted by men into an existing vine structure without the proper root, covenant release, or apostolic planting. They may appear fruitful outwardly but lack recognized apostolic foundation and divine sanction.

## Chapter 2 — The Biblical Problem: Where Order Matters

- The Church is not a social club or a personality-driven enterprise. Jesus promised to build His Church (Matt 16:18); the upper room birthed the Church (Acts 2:1–4, 38–39). The New Testament reveals a pattern — apostles and prophets as foundation, elders and fivefold ministry in the life of the Body (Eph 2:20–22; Eph 4:7–11; 1 Cor 12:28; Acts 2:42).
- When men form ministries outside this structure, they produce ministries that may have gifted people and visible zeal but lack divine order. Such ministries often reproduce problems: doctrinal drift, lack of accountability, charismatic showmanship mistaken for anointing, and fragile sustainability.

## Chapter 3 — Symptoms of Wild Olive Branch Churches

- Origins in a split or personal fallout rather than apostolic pentecostal commissioning.
- Lack of apostolic/prophetic covering or refusal of accountability.
- A lone-ranger fivefold minister / pastor with no elder or fivefold minister must have a pastor / Elder voice in his life local church must be an autonomous self govern church, not under a denominational organizational church, that's a wild must be an apostolic Pentecostal order of the fivefold ministry bride the body of the Lord of Jesus Christ
- Emphasis on personality, charisma, or crowd-drawing techniques rather than apostolic doctrine and discipline.
- Teaching that departs from the Acts 2:38 message and Apostolic Pentecostal doctrine (e.g., denial of the oneness of God water baptism in Jesus and baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire with the evidence of speaking in tongues Acts 2:38 message).
- Anti-authority posture or, conversely, authoritarian pastoral rule without spiritual fivefold elders that the pastor should be submitted under Apostolic Pentecostal fivefold ministry speak into the life of the pastor of the local church .
- Improper use of titles (apostle, prophet, bishop) without recognized apostolic verification and fruit.
- Reliance on spectacle (mimicking spiritual signs) rather than sustained discipleship and sound doctrine.

## Chapter 4 — Doctrinal Grounds: The Acts 2:38 Gospel and Oneness Message

- Acts 2:38 is central to Apostolic Pentecostal doctrine: repentance, baptism in Jesus' name, and the gift of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues . The salvation message of the early Church is foundational and should define the doctrine of new congregations.
- The fivefold ministry (Eph 4:11) is not optional: apostles and prophets form the foundation (Eph 2:20), and pastors/teachers operate under that apostolic order, not above it.
- The Bride and Body teaching: The Bride (preparation, purity, teaching for intimacy) and the Body (function, administration, unity) require operation in order and humility (Eph 4:4–16).
- Rejection of denominational trinitarianism is part of reclaiming the apostolic message where the Oneness of God and understanding of That Jesus is God and Jesus' name baptism are taught as the doctrine of The Book of Acts.

## Chapter 5 — Practical Failures Observed

- No elder/eldership: The pastor becomes isolated, vulnerable to pride, error, and collapse.
- No apostolic covering: Ministries remain immature,

unable to withstand doctrinal pressure, and often cease or splinter.

- **Improper planting:** Churches started without apostolic release often lack sustainable leadership pipelines and are unstable.
- **False conversions and baptisms:** Without sound teaching, people are baptized in error you must be water baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ without repentance and Spirit infilling with the evidence of speaking in tongues as taught in Acts 2:38.
- **Mixed motives:** Some ministries prioritize income, fame, or influence over holiness, sound doctrine, and the Great Commission.

## Chapter 6 — The Call to Restoration — Principles to Reclaim

- **Return to the foundation:** Build upon apostles and prophets (Eph 2:20). Real apostolic ministry has oversight, reproducible order, and doctrinal clarity.
- **Restore the fivefold:** Apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers functioning in unity and under mutual accountability (Eph 4:11; I Cor 12:28).
- **Reassert Acts 2:38 as the core gospel:** Clear preaching of repentance, Jesus' name baptism, and the infilling of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of

speaking in tongues.

- Reinstatement of eldership and mutual accountability: Every pastor needs elders and an apostolic covering. If you desire authority, submit to authority.
- Reject denominational compromise: Move from human-made denomination identity into the Bride that the Lord recognizes. This does not mean political isolation but doctrinal fidelity to the apostolic pattern.
- Cultivate humility: Busy activity or charisma does not equal the anointing. Fruit and submission to order do.

## Chapter 7 — How to Discern Authentic Apostolic Ministry

Ask these diagnostic questions before partnering or joining:

1. Origin: Was this ministry birthed by apostolic commissioning or a split/personal fallout?
2. Doctrine: Does the teaching center on Acts 2:38 and the Apostolic Pentecostal message?
3. Accountability: Is there elder oversight and an apostolic covering?
4. Reproducibility: Is there training and a pipeline for leaders (discipleship, elders, teachers)?
5. Fruit: Is there evidence of transformed lives, holiness, and sustained church health over time?

6. Order: Are the fivefold ministries functioning and submitted to one another?

7. Humility vs. Fame: Does the leadership seek God's glory and the Body's health over personal platform?

## Chapter 8 — Practical Steps for Pastors, Planters, and Members

For Pastors:

- Seek apostolic covering. Invite appraisal, mentoring, and, if needed, reformation under a recognized apostle or apostolic council.
- Establish an elder board. Recruit godly elders who live under the same doctrine and are willing to correct and protect.
- Train for reproducibility. Build discipleship pathways and leadership development to prevent lone-ranger dependency.
- Teach Acts 2:38 and the fivefold ministry persistently.

For Planters:

- Do not plant apart from apostolic release. A church planted under apostolic commission carries higher accountability and better longevity.
- Partner with other assemblies to create regional

elder networks.

For Members:

- Do not follow charisma alone. Test all teachings by Scripture and apostolic fruit.
- Encourage your leadership toward accountability; pray and intercede for true apostolic oversight.

For Apostles and Apostolic Networks:

- Be careful to test and appoint; avoid elevating personalities without fruit.
- Provide clear pathways for repentance and re-commissioning for ministries that began wrong.
- Maintain doctrinal clarity and protect the Bride from doctrinal dilution.

## Chapter 9 — Reproof, Repentance, and Reconciliation

- Where a ministry has erred, call for reproof supported by Scripture. Offer pathways to repentance and reconciliation rather than simply condemning.
- Some ministries will need to be closed, merged, or re-planted with apostolic oversight to preserve souls and maintain truth.
- Offer restoration protocols: doctrinal re-teaching,

leader realignment, elder establishment, public repentance where necessary, and re-dedication to Acts' pattern.

## Chapter 10 — A Vision for the True Bride

- The Bride is not a crowd but a disciplined, purified, apostolically ordered body ready for Christ.
- The true Church of Acts 2:38 is built in humility, doctrinal clarity, and apostolic order. It is not afraid of oversight because God uses oversight to preserve holiness and unity.
- The restored apostolic movement will be marked by conversion, water baptism in Jesus' name, Spirit baptism in evidence, fivefold functioning, elder accountability, and missional compassion.

## Appendix A — Key Scriptures (for study and quoting)

- Acts 2:1–4, 2:38–39; Acts 2:42
- Ephesians 2:20–22; Ephesians 4:4–16; Ephesians 4:7–11
- 1 Corinthians 12:28; 1 Corinthians 3:10
- Matthew 16:18
- Romans 11 (olive tree imagery)
- Titus 1; 1 Timothy 3 (qualifications for elders and

overseers)

- Additional passages on repentance, baptism, and Spirit baptism: Acts 8; Acts 10; Acts 19

## Appendix B — A Simple Restoration Checklist

- Does the ministry preach Acts 2:38 plainly?
- Is baptism administered in Jesus' name?
- Is the infilling of the Holy Spirit taught and sought with evidence?
- Are apostles and prophets present as foundation or recognized oversight?
- Are elders appointed according to Scripture and active in governance?
- Has the ministry been planted with apostolic release or does it seek such release?
- Are leaders accountable to a wider apostolic network or council?

## Closing Word

This booklet is not a call to condemn but a plea to return to the things that birth and preserve the Church the Lord intended. Wild olive branches may look lively, but without the root and order of the true vine they will not endure the harvest season. If you lead, submit to an apostolic check; if you follow, test

for apostolic order and the Acts 2:38 gospel. The Lord is calling His Bride into purity, authority under authority, and a unity that manifests the power of the risen Christ.

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