

# The Christian's Authority—Experience or the Word? Part 1

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## I. Introduction.

- A. The Pentecostal movement is claiming that experience is sufficient for theological authority.
- B. There is much confusion in the name of Christianity today.
- C. Correction must begin at the house of God. (Ezekiel 9:6, I Peter 4, Revelation 2-3)
- D. We have to call the church back. (Psalm 69)

## II. Experience trumps the Bible within the charismatic movement.

- A. There are no checks on claims because everything is based on experience.
- B. There are only two approaches--the classical objective approach or the experiential subjective view.
- C. The latter view ends in destruction.

## III. The experience of the Baptism of the Spirit has been adulterated.

- A. It has become humanistic.
- B. The mystical experience becomes the determiner of truth.

## IV. The use of experience to determine truth is liberalism. The Bible was not written to confirm experience.

### **Application:**

1. Is experience a wrong way to determine truth? How should this relate to our use of the Bible as a source of truth?

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2. Why cannot experience claims be refuted?

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3. What is the proper place of experience in the Christian life today?

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