

# Two Distinct Perspectives on Pneumatology – Similarities and Differences between The Romanian Pentecostal and Evangelical Theology

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*This article aims to compare and analyse two different perspectives of pneumatology: within the Pentecostal and the Evangelical perspective. In spite of many doctrinal tangents with the Evangelical theology, the Pentecostal has its own spirituality and theological accent, especially in the field of pneumatology. The two differences centre on baptism in the Spirit and the gift of prophecy. From a Pentecostal practical perspective, the spiritual gifts continue to play an important role for the contemporary church. Although there are differences in their theological approaches, the Pentecostals and the Evangelicals found the common ground in forming the Evangelical Alliance of Romania and working together for about a quarter of Century.*

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## **The Pentecostals contribution on contemporary theology**

The Pentecostal contribution to theological research rests not on a scientific biblical exegesis but on a vivid understanding of the work and gifts of Holy Spirit. It was not a strong and articulated theology that characterized this movement, but a different spirituality that included a warm love and a deep spirit of sacrifice for others, a great desire for prayer, and a passion for mission. The attention towards the development of theology, based on a high exegetical task or on theological writings was very weak among Pentecostals at the beginning of the movement, but, recently there has been an explosion of Pentecostal theological scholarship which works to elaborate and articulate Pentecostal theological works.<sup>1</sup>

This contribution raises a fresh discussion between theologians about the spiritual gifts of the Holy Spirit such as baptism in the Spirit, the gift of prophecy, the gift of healing and other such spiritual gifts which play an important role in Pentecostal spirituality. In spite of this perspective, the core

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<sup>1</sup> Mark J. Cartledge, "Pentecostal Theology" in: Amos Yong, C. Mel Robeck (eds.), *The Cambridge Companion to Pentecostalism*, Cambridge 2014, p 266.