

**Resolution 21**

**REAFFIRMATION OF PENTECOSTAL DISTINCTIVE  
THE INITIAL PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM**

1 WHEREAS, Our great Fellowship was founded just under a century ago on like Pentecostal  
2 principles that were shared by churches across our nation where the wind of the Holy  
3 Spirit had brought a fresh Book of Acts experience; and  
4 WHEREAS, This Fellowship was formed upon several biblical Pentecostal distinctives, not the  
5 least of which is the belief that the initial physical evidence of the baptism in the  
6 Holy Spirit is speaking in other tongues; and  
7 WHEREAS, In recent years the validity of the distinctive doctrine of tongues as the initial  
8 physical evidence of Holy Spirit baptism has come under certain scrutiny; therefore,  
9 be it  
10 RESOLVED, That this 53rd General Council of The General Council of the Assemblies of God go  
11 on record to simply reaffirm our stand behind all of our 16 Fundamental Truths and  
12 in particular the doctrine of the initial physical evidence of the baptism in the Holy  
13 Spirit, which is speaking in other tongues; and be it further  
14 RESOLVED, That we as a Movement continue to require our credentialed ministers to not only  
15 have the aforementioned Pentecostal experience in their own lives, but actively  
16 preach and teach this doctrine as well.

Sponsor: South Texas District Council

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Amended \_\_\_\_\_  
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