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**William W. Menzies, Robert P. Menzies : Spirit and Power: Foundations of Pentecostal Experience** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Spirit and Power: Foundations of Pentecostal Experience:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great Case For Lukan Theology of the Holy Spirit - Different From Paul By AhuraliveMenzies gets away from vanilla-evangelical biblical hermeneutics that gloss this or ignore Luke's pneumatology entirely subsuming it in Paul. Subsequence of baptism-filling is different from baptism by the Church as a Holy Spirit community and Spirit indwelling at conversion/sanctification. As (the reviewer) a Christian

Missionary Alliance pastor the older Alliance folks did not keep working on their holiness and pentecostal influenced theology. We got the Crisis/ongoing part - the Subsequence doctrine right. But we do not tease out the difference of the Spirit for prophetic/mission empowerment and staying power - HS baptism in Luke-Acts vs. Sanctification/salvation from conversion onward and re-fillings of Paul. There is a strong case to be made for baptism - power for mission/staying power in persecution is unique to Luke and then Paul is more church-and spiritual growth focused on his Holy Spirit teaching. He also takes on Fee is an example of a pentecostal who moves a little TOO far towards vanilla evangelical hermeneutics. If you really want to get the hard-core argument (of course the one area I would disagree is the tongues - part - i would include all prophetic speech - as evidence of the filling) the late William Menzies, Spirit and Power (and he will cover much of the debate in summaries) is a great place to dig in. He also critiques some pentecostals misreading of Paul as well. Good stuff - will definitely get you thinking in a WHOLE new direction regarding Paul and Luke. If you want a more 'reformed-charismatic' little more background required read Thinking in Tongues: <http://www..com/Thinking-Tongues-Pentecostal-Contributions-Philosophy/dp/08028618490> of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Strong Introduction to and Defence of Pentecostalism By MW Brown This monolith should be required reading for any student of Biblical and/or Pentecostal theology. The father-son authors do a very competent job of expressing a wide range of opinions about the Pentecostal experience and the biblical support for Lukan and Pauline viewpoints. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Modern statement of classical Pentecostalism By Customer Excellent modern presentation of the classical pentecostal position on the place of the Holy Spirit. Fully in touch with recent arguments and with the main players and their positions. Written at a semi-technicle level. Great for anyone interested in the question.

The times have long passed when Pentecostals were viewed as Protestantisms untouchables. Today, the shock waves from Azusa Street have influenced countless Evangelicals worldwide. But if dialogue between Pentecostals and Evangelicals has awakened within the latter a thirst for the power of Gods Spirit, it has challenged Pentecostals to examine their theology more deeply in the light of his Word. Just how firm is the biblical foundation on which they stand? Spirit and Power provides a cutting-edge look at Pentecostal theology. It addresses the concern expressed by its authors and echoed throughout charismatic churches today: Although our Pentecostal forefathers intuitively grasped the correlation between the reality they experienced and the promise of Acts 1:8, they did not always articulate their theology in a manner that was convincing to other believers committed to the authority of Scripture. In response, theologians William and Robert Menzies explore Pentecostalism in a scholarly and current light. Spirit and Power is no mere paraphrase of dated approaches. It is a fresh and penetrating look at the whys and wherefores of Pentecostal doctrine that sets a new standard for Spirit-filled theology. Whatever your persuasion may be as a Christian, this books thoughtfulness, balance, and biblical integrity will help you appreciate more fully the strengths of the Pentecostal stance. Laying the groundwork for an accurate understanding of Lukes writings in particular, the authors help you grasp the foundations of Pentecostal theology from the standpoints of history, hermeneutics, and exegesis. Then, in Part Two, they give you an in-depth look at specific Pentecostal concerns: the baptism of the Holy Spirit as a blessing subsequent to salvation, evidential tongues, signs and wonders, healing in the atonement, and more. Youll deepen your understanding of the basis for Pentecostal beliefs. And youll gain a feel for the mutually beneficial dialogue that continues between Pentecostals and Evangelicals today.

....present a call to evangelical dialogue on issues foundational to Pentecostal beliefs ... Approximately half of the book discusses the baptism in the Spirit, its subsequence to conversion, and initial physical evidence... Spirit and Power presents one of the strongest cases for the Pentecostal position on subsequence and initial evidence yet published. (Enrichment Journal) From the Back Cover The times have long passed when Pentecostals were viewed as Protestantism's untouchables. Today, the shock waves from Azusa Street have influenced countless Evangelicals worldwide. But if dialogue between Pentecostals and Evangelicals has awakened within the latter a thirst for the power of God's Spirit, it has challenged Pentecostals to examine their theology more deeply in the light of his Word. Just how firm is the biblical foundation on which they stand? Spirit and Power provides a cutting-edge look at Pentecostal theology. It addresses the concern expressed by its authors and echoed throughout charismatic churches today: 'Although our Pentecostal forefathers intuitively grasped the correlation between the reality they experienced and the promise of Acts 1:8, they did not always articulate their theology in a manner that was convincing to other believers committed to the authority of Scripture.' In response, theologians William and Robert Menzies explore Pentecostalism in a scholarly and current light. Spirit and Power is no mere paraphrase of dated approaches. It is a fresh and penetrating look at the whys and wherefores of Pentecostal doctrine that sets a new standard for Spirit-filled theology. Whatever your persuasion may be as a Christian, this book's thoughtfulness, balance, and biblical integrity will help you appreciate more fully the strengths of the Pentecostal stance. Laying the groundwork for an accurate understanding of Luke's writings in particular, the authors help you grasp the foundations of Pentecostal theology from the standpoints of history, hermeneutics, and exegesis. Then, in Part Two, they give you an in-depth look at specific Pentecostal concerns: the baptism of the Holy Spirit as a blessing subsequent to salvation, evidential tongues, signs

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