

EVANGELICALS

at the crossroads



QUESTIONS

- 1. What are the characteristics of an Evangelical? How did the characteristics develop over time and what influenced those characteristics?*
- 2. What are the values of an Evangelical? Are the values static or dynamic? If dynamic, what caused them to change?*
- 3. What is the rubric to label someone as an Evangelical or to identify the movement?*
- 4. Is the term “Evangelical” one that should be fought to keep or jettisoned?*

GOALS

- 1. Learn key events and figures that have shaped Evangelicals.*
- 2. Understand Evangelicals core values and guiding principles for those values.*
- 3. Understand and appreciate the breadth of the movement.*
- 4. Understand the tensions within the movement and why people have broke from it throughout history.*
- 5. Understand the external forces that shaped Evangelical's interests.*

models of EVANGELICALISM

*agents
of
movement*

*an economic
movement*

*movement
of the
Spirit*

*a political
movement*

*a social
movement*

*psychological
movement*

our approach is going to follow

a history of

EVANGELICALISM

*that integrates aspects of these
six models*

THE QUADRILATERAL

David W. Bebbington

- 1. Conversionism—“the belief that lives need to be changed”*
- 2. Biblicism—“belief that all spiritual truth is to be found in its pages”*
- 3. Activism—dedication of all believers, including laypeople, to lives of service for God, especially as manifested in evangelism (spreading the good news) and mission (taking the gospel to other societies)*
- 4. Crucicentrism—the conviction that Christ’s death was the crucial matter in providing atonement for sin (i.e., providing reconciliation between a holy God and sinful humans).*

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CRUCICENTRISM

ACTIVISM

CONVERSIONISM

BIBLICISM

MAJOR EVENTS *1925-Present*

Jan 1, 1901 | Glossalia, Topeka, KA: Bethel Bible School

Apr 9, 1906 | Azusa Street Revival, 214 Bonnie Brae Street

1948-1960s | Latter Rain Revival & Movement

1947 | Oral Roberts Evangelistic Association

1956 | Thomas Road Baptist Church & Old Time Gospel Hour

1979 | The Moral Majority

1980 | John Piper, Bethlehem Baptist Church

1983 | Hillsong Church

1993 | Al Mohler President of SBTS

1990 | Promise Keepers, Bill McCartney

1997 | Passion 268

Jan, 1994 | Toronto Blessing, Vineyard Church

2003 | Wordpress founded/challies.com (Tim Challies)

2005 | TGC Founded by Don Carson and Tim Keller

CHARLES FOX PARHAM

1873-1929



- *Associated glossalia with Holy Spirit Baptism*
- *Believed in Xenoglossalia*
- *1898 | Bethel Bible School Founded*
- *Jan 1, 1901 | Glossalia, Topeka, KA*
- *1906 | Sets up Bible School in Houston & Sends out Lucy Farrow & William J Seymour to LA*
- *1907 | Arrested for sexual misconduct*

WILLIAM J SEYMOUR

1870-1922



- *Attend Fox's Bible School in Houston for 6 weeks*
- *Glossalia is a divine language*
- *Feb 22, 1906 | Starts Pastoring in LA*
- *Expelled 2 weeks later*
- *Apr 9, 1906 | Azusa Street Revival, 214 Bonnie Brae Street*
- *Sep 1906 | Apostolic Faith Newsletter goes to print*

ORAL ROBERTS

1918-2009

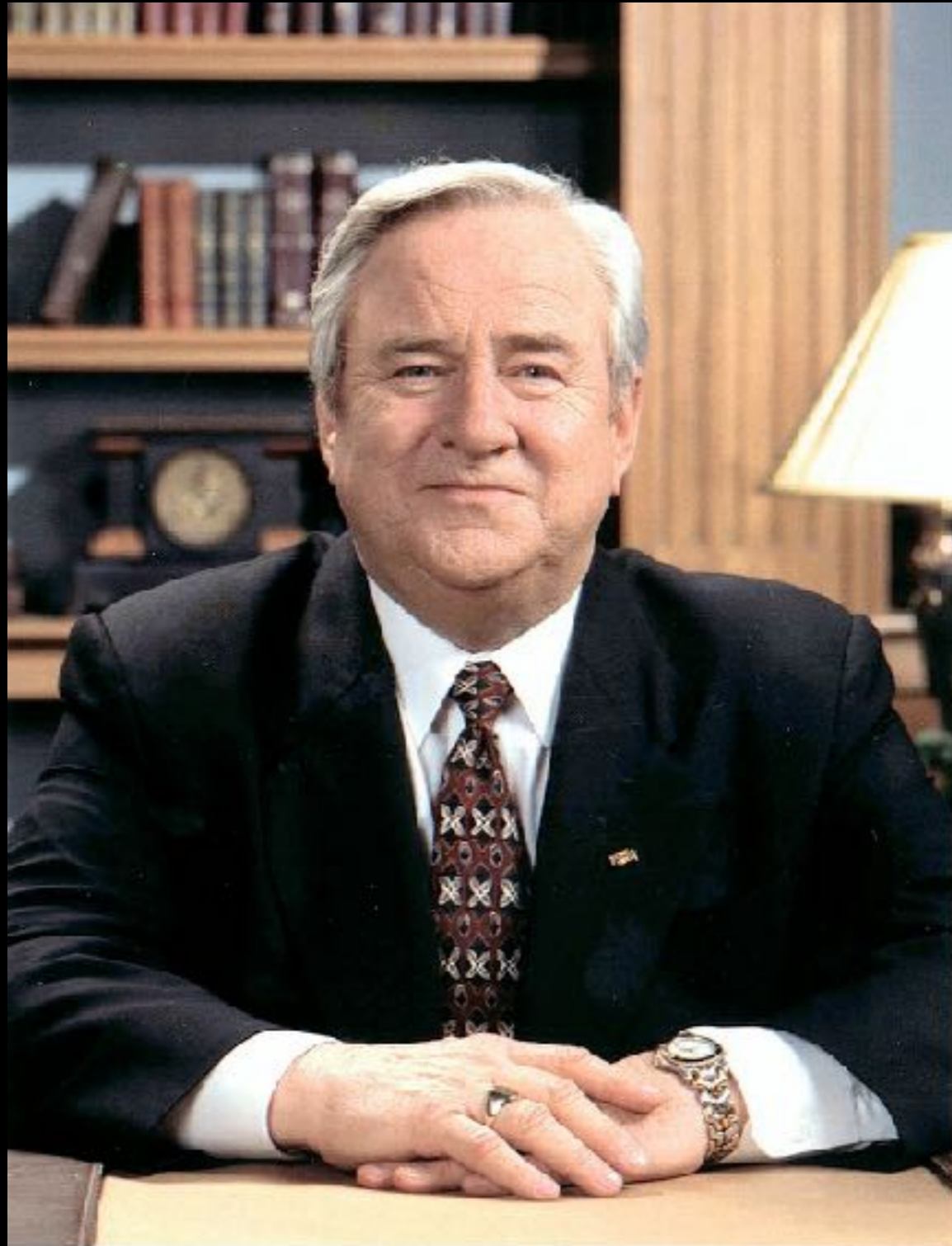


- *1947 | Oral Roberts Evangelistic Association*
- *1963 | Oral Roberts University*
- *Mar 17, 1968 | Oral Roberts joins 1st United Methodist Church*



JERRY FALWELL

1933-2007



- *1956 | Thomas Road Baptist Church & Old Time Gospel Hour (Nationally Syndicated Radio Station)*
- *1971 | Liberty University*
- *1979 | The Moral Majority*
- *Staunch Proponent of Christian Zionism*
- *During Civil Rights movement was opposed to desegregation*
- *Heavily Aligned with Republicanism*

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some questions

- *What do evangelicals do?*
- *What are characteristics of evangelicals?*
- *How would you describe an evangelical?*
- *What are their goals?*
- *Do they have a particular weakness?*

EVANGELICALISM

a definition

An evangelical is a good news person—one who believes in the vital value of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ; individual regeneration by the Holy Spirit; and the mission to spread and live this message.

a description

- *Evangelicals as a group are a broad collective.*
- *They navigate and adapt to particular historical moments and cultural shifts, while attending primarily to the above values.*
- *They are commonly on the side of aiding the downtrodden, disadvantaged, or discriminated of society.*
- *Seeking revival is a motif for evangelicals.*
- *and they commonly leverage technology and media to accomplish this aim.*

EVANGELICALISM

dangers

- *Roman Catholicism*
- *Naturalism*
- *Secularization*
- *Communism*
- *Big Government Democracy*
- *Social Movements that undermine biblical teaching*
- *Americanism/Anglocism*
- *Hypocrisy*
- *Avarice*