

Bill Johnson Exposed

Series 1-6

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Bill Johnson Exposed – Series Introduction: False Fire in Redding

“For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.” – Matthew 24:24 (KJV)

In a world desperate for power, breakthrough, and revival, **Bethel Church** in Redding, California, has positioned itself as the epicenter of a global spiritual movement. With **Bill Johnson** at the helm, Bethel boasts supernatural healings, angelic visitations, prophetic encounters, grave-soaking, and a worship empire that fills sanctuaries around the world.

To many, Bethel represents a fresh move of the Spirit. But beneath the glittering cloud and charismatic language lies a darker truth: **what’s being offered is not revival—it’s counterfeit fire.**

This 6-part exposé is not an attack—it is a rescue mission. It is a call to **discernment**, to **doctrinal clarity**, and to the **uncompromising authority of the Word of God.**

Because it is no small thing to declare, “God said...” when He did not.

It is no small thing to twist the work of the Spirit into a stage show.

It is no small thing to prop up false apostles and anoint emotional manipulation.

In this series, we will:

- Expose the roots and fruit of Bethel’s theology
- Reveal the dangers of prophetic culture and false signs
- Unmask the deceptive power of their global worship influence
- Contrast their teachings with the apostolic truth revealed by Paul

Each essay will stand as a witness. Each will hold a line in the sand.

And each one will do what Bethel refuses to do—**rightly divide the word of truth.**

Overview of the Series:

1. **Bethel Basics – Grave Soaking and Other Doctrines of Devils**
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This is not about style.

This is not about preference.

This is about **truth or error, spirit or flesh, God’s Word or man’s emotion.**

And make no mistake—**Bill Johnson has built a theology of experiences that directly contradict the Bible.**

This is not a warning whispered in a corner. This is a siren on the wall.

Let the Church take heed.

Let the discerning be strengthened.

Let the fog be lifted.

Because **the Spirit of truth does not work in darkness.**

1 of 6: Bill Johnson Exposed – Bethel Basics: Grave Soaking and Other Doctrines of Devils

“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.” – 1 Timothy 4:1 (KJV)

In a time when many are chasing signs, wonders, and spiritual highs, Bethel Church in Redding, California has positioned itself as a global hub for modern-day revivalism. Its influence is massive. Its music dominates worship playlists. Its school of supernatural ministry boasts thousands of students. Its leader, **Bill Johnson**, is seen by many as a gentle, Spirit-filled man of God.

But behind the fog machines, viral songs, and electric sermons lies something far more dangerous—a **counterfeit revival built not on Scripture but on seducing spirits**. Bethel’s foundation is not solid rock—it’s shifting sand made of mysticism, emotionalism, New Age influence, and bold departures from biblical truth.

This essay—the first of six in our exposé—lays bare the foundational heresies of Bethel’s theology and exposes the dark origins of its most infamous practices: **grave soaking, glory clouds, angel feathers, and other “doctrines of devils.”**

I. What Is Bethel Church?

Bethel Church is a charismatic megachurch in Redding, California, led by **Bill Johnson**, whose family has held the pulpit for generations. Under his leadership, the church has exploded into a global movement promoting “revival culture,” “supernatural encounters,” and “kingdom influence.”

Bethel is known for:

- Hosting large-scale healing services
- Teaching modern-day apostles and prophets
- Spawning Bethel Music, a chart-topping worship brand
- Operating the **Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry (BSSM)**
- Promoting a continuous stream of signs and wonders

It looks like fire from heaven—but it smells like **strange fire** (Leviticus 10:1).

II. Bill Johnson’s Theological Bedrock

Bill Johnson doesn’t hide his doctrine—he celebrates it. But when examined under the lens of Scripture, it becomes clear: this is not just *bad teaching*. It is **a deliberate departure from sound doctrine**.

Johnson teaches:

- Jesus laid aside His divinity and did miracles **solely as a man empowered by the Spirit**
- Christians can access the same “anointing” and perform the same works—even raising the dead

- We should expect **continuous encounters** with angels, visions, and manifestations
- Prophets are still active and should **guide** the Church
- Healing is **always God's will**, and if someone isn't healed, it's due to a **lack of faith**

Each of these doctrines stands in direct contradiction to Scripture:

“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.” – Hebrews 13:8

“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven... many will say... have we not prophesied... and done many wonderful works?” – Matthew 7:21–23

Bethel's gospel is not the biblical gospel—it's a gospel of **power without purity, experience without truth, and emotion without Scripture.**

III. Grave Soaking: Communing with the Dead

Perhaps the most notorious of Bethel's practices is **grave soaking**—the idea that one can absorb the “anointing” of a deceased saint by lying on their grave.

This practice has been documented through:

- Photos of BSSM students lying on tombstones
- Posts and testimonies on Bethel-affiliated blogs and media
- Former students confirming its spiritual justification at Bethel

Bill Johnson and his leadership have tried to distance themselves publicly, calling it “misunderstood,” but **they never openly condemned it.** The practice continued for years within their discipleship circles.

Scripture says:

“There shall not be found among you... a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.” – Deuteronomy 18:10–11

Grave soaking is nothing less than **a form of necromancy**—contact with the dead masked as charismatic fervor. It is a **doctrine of devils.**

IV. False Signs and Manufactured Wonders

Bethel claims to see:

- **Angel feathers** falling from the sanctuary
- **Gold dust** appearing in the air
- **Glory clouds** hovering during worship
- Physical manifestations like **jerking, laughing, twitching, or “drunkenness” in the Spirit**

But none of this is modeled in the New Testament Church. Not one apostle ever invited the Spirit to **manifest in a cloud**. Not one preached while being unable to stand from Holy Laughter. These are not spiritual gifts—they are **spiritual distractions**.

The Bible warns:

“Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders...” – 2 Thessalonians 2:9

If the devil can’t defeat the Church through persecution, he’ll deceive it through **supernatural counterfeits**.

V. A Gospel of Power Without Repentance

Bethel preaches miracles, signs, healings, breakthroughs, prosperity, declarations, and destiny. But what’s **rarely preached**?

- The cross
- The blood
- Sin
- Hell
- Repentance
- Judgment

This is why their influence is so appealing—it’s **supernaturalism without surrender**. People are drawn to power, but not brokenness.

“For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness...” – 1 Corinthians 1:18

A gospel that doesn’t confront sin **cannot save**. And a movement that entertains the masses but never warns of judgment **isn’t revival—it’s ruin**.

VI. Apostolic Authority: Bill Johnson's Unbiblical Mantle

Bill Johnson claims to function as an apostle. He believes the five-fold ministry of Ephesians 4 is still operative, and that modern-day apostles are meant to govern churches globally.

This connects him to the **New Apostolic Reformation (NAR)**, a global movement of self-proclaimed apostles and prophets who operate with no accountability and often rewrite doctrine based on “revelation.”

But Scripture teaches:

- The original apostles were **personally chosen by Christ**
- Apostolic signs were unique to the foundation of the Church (Ephesians 2:20)
- No modern “apostle” today meets the qualifications outlined in Acts 1:21–22

Paul warned:

“For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.” – 2 Corinthians 11:13

When someone claims apostolic authority while twisting Scripture, **they are not sent by God.**

VII. Bethel Music: The Soundtrack of Seduction

Bethel Music has infiltrated churches worldwide. Their songs are emotional, moving, and often beautifully arranged. But many contain:

- **Theologically vague or incorrect lyrics**
- **Declarations of power and victory detached from context**
- **Songs of emotional elevation rather than doctrinal affirmation**

What's more dangerous is that the music **creates a bridge**—a Trojan horse—into Bethel's deeper theology. Youth hear the songs, love the brand, and then begin watching the sermons, attending the events, and absorbing the doctrine.

“Take heed what ye hear...” – Mark 4:24

When the sound is sweet but the source is toxic, **it's bait on the hook of deception.**

VIII. Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry (BSSM)

BSSM trains students to walk in miracles, prophesy, and “activate” spiritual gifts. But its methods include:

- Activating prophecy by lining students up to “speak what comes to mind”
- Practice sessions for healing and words of knowledge
- Spiritual impartations through laying on of hands and declarations
- Encouragement to pursue encounters with angels, visions, and heavenly realms

This is not discipleship—it’s **charismatic chaos**.

Scripture says:

“Let all things be done decently and in order.” – 1 Corinthians 14:40

BSSM is producing students who are spiritually reckless and often biblically illiterate—but extremely confident in their “gifting.”

IX. Fruit That Fails the Test

Jesus said:

“Ye shall know them by their fruits.” – Matthew 7:16

What’s the fruit of Bethel?

- Students leaving orthodox churches
- Leaders embracing universalism, Word of Faith, and mysticism
- A global brand centered on **experiences, not exegesis**

And yet millions defend it because “it changed their life.” But **experience is not the test—Scripture is**.

“To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.” – Isaiah 8:20

X. Final Warning: The Church Must Discern

This is not a debate about music preference or supernatural gifts. This is about **truth and deception, light and darkness, Christ and counterfeit revival.**

Bill Johnson and Bethel Church do not represent biblical Christianity. They represent a **charismatic counterfeit**—a gospel that exalts power, promotes fleshly experiences, and parades demonic manifestations as “moves of God.”

The Church must wake up.

“And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.” – Ephesians 5:11

Bethel’s basics are **not revival—they’re ruin.**

Conclusion: A Different Spirit, A Different Gospel

What Bethel offers is enticing—but it is not of God.

Their grave-soaking, false healings, emotional manipulation, and pseudo-apostolic control are not just mistakes—they are **doctrines of devils**. And Paul warned us they would come (1 Timothy 4:1).

The music may stir. The testimonies may move. The miracles may impress. But none of that matters if the **truth is abandoned.**

This is **Essay 1 of 6: Bill Johnson Exposed – Bethel Basics: Grave Soaking and Other Doctrines of Devils.**

The series continues.

The truth is sharper than ever.

And the fog of Bethel is lifting.

Let those with ears hear.

2 of 6: Bill Johnson Exposed – Apostolic Madness: NAR and the New Age Apostles

“For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.” – 2 Corinthians 11:13 (KJV)

In an age of spiritual confusion, where many are chasing movements, manifestations, and so-called “mantles,” there has arisen a network of voices claiming a title not seen since the first century: **apostle**.

At the forefront of this dangerous trend stands **Bill Johnson** of Bethel Church—a man whose influence stretches far beyond Redding, California. Through Bethel Music, the Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry, and international conferences, Johnson promotes not just miracles and healings, but **apostolic governance, prophetic revelation**, and a bold claim: the Church cannot fulfill her destiny without restoring modern-day apostles.

This idea is not just off-base—it is **apostolic madness**. It forms the backbone of what is now known as the **New Apostolic Reformation (NAR)**, a loosely affiliated but deeply influential movement that seeks to restructure the Church under living apostles and prophets.

This exposé peels back the mask and shows what this really is: **a New Age counterfeit draped in Christian language**—a system built not on Christ, but on control.

I. What Is the New Apostolic Reformation?

The New Apostolic Reformation is not a denomination, but a movement. Coined by C. Peter Wagner in the 1990s, the NAR believes that:

- The “Five-Fold Ministry” (Ephesians 4:11) is fully active today
- The modern Church must submit to apostles and prophets for revival
- Apostles carry special anointing and authority to govern cities, regions, and nations
- Spiritual warfare must be waged through decrees, dominion, and prophetic acts
- The Church will eventually subdue the earth and usher in Christ’s return

At its core, the NAR redefines apostolic leadership—not as humble servant-leadership—but as **supernatural governance** where modern men and women claim **extra-biblical revelation, divine strategies, and regional jurisdiction** over cities and nations.

Bill Johnson, though careful not to always use the label “NAR,” has helped build the structure brick by brick.

II. Bill Johnson and Apostolic Authority

While Johnson may deny being formally part of the “NAR,” his beliefs and practices mirror the movement perfectly:

- He functions as the head of Bethel, not merely as a pastor, but as a **spiritual gatekeeper**, with apostolic-style authority
- He frequently references “heavenly strategies” and “apostolic assignments”
- He is part of global networks with other “apostolic leaders” such as Che Ahn, Lou Engle, and Mike Bickle
- His ministry includes prophetic declarations, impartations, and so-called **activation of apostolic gifts**

He once stated:

“Apostles have a unique grace to bring order, to establish and expand the rule of God.”

But this is nowhere taught in the New Testament concerning our age. The **biblical apostles** were chosen by Christ directly, were eyewitnesses of the resurrection (Acts 1:22), and were used to **lay the doctrinal foundation of the Church** (Ephesians 2:20).

There is no apostolic succession beyond them. What Johnson is advocating is **an office that no longer exists**, and by doing so, he makes himself a **false apostle** by biblical definition.

III. NAR’s Pyramid of Power

The structure of the NAR operates like a **spiritual pyramid scheme**:

- At the top: “apostles” who hear from God, set strategy, and oversee regional churches
- Under them: “prophets” who declare revelation and confirm the apostle’s vision
- Then: pastors, teachers, evangelists who implement the vision locally
- At the bottom: the congregation, expected to follow, support, and sow into the “apostolic assignment”

This structure has led to:

- **Authoritarian leadership**
- **Spiritual manipulation**

- **Suppression of dissenting voices**
- **False promises of breakthrough through tithes and submission**

In practice, it's more akin to New Age guru systems or cult dynamics than biblical ecclesiology.

“Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy...” – 2 Corinthians 1:24

The apostolic madness Johnson promotes is not just misguided—it's **controlling and spiritually abusive**.

IV. Dominionism: The Kingdom Now Deception

A central theme of apostolic doctrine in the NAR is **Dominionism**—the idea that the Church must take control of earthly institutions before Christ can return.

This includes the so-called **Seven Mountains Mandate**:

1. Government
2. Education
3. Business
4. Family
5. Arts & Entertainment
6. Media
7. Religion

Johnson and his allies believe that apostles and prophets are to equip believers to **take over these spheres**, releasing revival and establishing heaven on earth.

But Jesus said:

“My kingdom is not of this world...” – John 18:36

Paul said:

“Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse...” – 2 Timothy 3:13

The Bible doesn't teach that we'll Christianize the world—it teaches that judgment is coming and Christ alone will rule. Dominionism is not biblical eschatology—it's **charismatic humanism** masquerading as revival.

V. Extra-Biblical Revelation: God Told Me...

Apostles in the NAR regularly claim **direct revelation** from God.

Bill Johnson has stated:

“It's difficult to get the same fruit as the early Church when we value a book they didn't have more than the Holy Spirit they did have.”

That's a subtle dismissal of Scripture.

He frequently speaks of “encounters,” “downloads,” “blueprints,” and “heavenly assignments” that go **beyond the written Word**.

This opens the floodgates to:

- False prophecy
- Confusion
- Idolatry of leaders
- Doctrinal chaos

“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God...” – 1 Peter 4:11

“Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.” – Proverbs 30:6

Modern apostles who claim fresh revelation are **adding to God's Word**, even if they don't formally say so.

VI. Apostolic Impartation and Activation

Another disturbing feature of the apostolic movement is **“impartation.”**

Johnson and others teach that apostles can release spiritual gifts, anointings, and breakthroughs through:

- Laying on of hands

- Prophetic declarations
- Mantle transfer
- Apostolic alignment

At Bethel, students at BSSM are told to **“activate” their spiritual gifts** by prophesying over strangers, healing the sick in supermarkets, and declaring destiny over objects.

This “activation culture” reduces the Holy Spirit to a **tool to be triggered**, rather than a **sovereign God who gives gifts as He wills** (1 Corinthians 12:11).

It’s not biblical—it’s **charismatic witchcraft**.

VII. The Fruit of False Apostles

Jesus said:

“Ye shall know them by their fruits...” – Matthew 7:16

What is the fruit of apostolic madness?

- **Confused congregations** who chase voices instead of the Word
- **Disillusioned believers** who never receive their promised breakthrough
- **Burned-out pastors** who feel lesser for not being “apostolic”
- **Financial abuse** through “sowing into apostolic soil”
- **Spiritual chaos** instead of clarity

Bill Johnson may appear soft-spoken, but his movement is spiritually **disorienting millions**.

He’s not leading sheep—he’s driving them with visions and declarations.

He’s not feeding lambs—he’s fattening a following with prophecy candy.

VIII. The Apostles Warned Us

Ironically, the very apostles Bill Johnson claims to follow **warned us against people like him**.

“Beware of false prophets...” – Matthew 7:15

“For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you...” – Acts

20:29

“Even now are there many antichrists...” – 1 John 2:18

Paul didn’t teach us to follow apostles—he told us to **follow sound doctrine**:

“Hold fast the form of sound words...” – 2 Timothy 1:13

“Preach the word...” – 2 Timothy 4:2

“Earnestly contend for the faith...” – Jude 3

When men elevate their own voice above the Word—they are not apostles.
They are deceivers.

IX. Why This Movement Persists

The NAR continues to grow because it feeds the flesh:

- **Power without sanctification**
- **Spiritual titles without servant hearts**
- **Prophetic hype without doctrinal depth**
- **Emotional experience over truth**

It also mimics the world’s influencer culture—apostles are treated like celebrities, surrounded by honor, wealth, and social media hype.

But Jesus washed feet. Paul suffered shipwreck. Peter was crucified upside-down.

Modern apostles want stages, spotlights, and stadiums.

This isn’t apostolic power—it’s a performance.

This isn’t revival—it’s spiritual role-play.

X. Final Warning: Reject Apostolic Madness

The Church must reject the madness.

There are no apostles today in the biblical sense. No modern man receives direct revelation. No man governs the global Church. No one has apostolic authority.

“Thy word is truth.” – John 17:17

“The scripture cannot be broken.” – John 10:35

We don't need new apostles—we need **old truths**.

We don't need prophetic networks—we need **biblical discernment**.

We don't need spiritual chaos—we need **sound doctrine rightly divided**.

Conclusion: Not Sent, Not Called, Not Biblical

Bill Johnson is not an apostle. He is not sent from God. He is a man whose influence has spread a charismatic counterfeit that mirrors New Age mysticism more than apostolic Christianity.

This madness must be exposed.

This is **Essay 2 of 6: Bill Johnson Exposed – Apostolic Madness: NAR and the New Age Apostles**.

Let no one be deceived by robes, revelations, or revivals.

If it does not align with the rightly divided Word—it must be rejected.

Because **God has already spoken**.

3 of 6: Bill Johnson Exposed – Healing on Demand? Twisting Signs and Wonders

“An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign...” – Matthew 12:39 (KJV)

The ministry of healing is not new—it's as old as the ministry of Christ Himself. Jesus healed the blind, the leper, the paralytic, and the dead. But in every account, His miracles were never **for show**, never **on demand**, and never performed to **entertain or prove Himself** to skeptics.

Today, however, Bethel Church and its leader **Bill Johnson** have twisted the doctrine of healing into a spectacle, a movement, and a **theological demand**. It's no longer “Thy will be done”—it's “God must heal if you believe hard enough.”

This is not biblical.

It's not apostolic.

It's not revival.

It is **manipulative faith-based performance wrapped in spiritual language**.

In this exposé, we will uncover how Bill Johnson and Bethel have distorted healing into a formula, pressured the suffering, and made the miraculous a measure of personal faith. We'll also expose the damage it causes: **false hope, spiritual burnout, and guilt-ridden believers** left wondering why they're still sick.

I. Bill Johnson's Theology of Guaranteed Healing

The cornerstone of Bethel's healing doctrine is this:

It is always God's will to heal.

In Johnson's own words:

"How can God choose not to heal someone when He already purchased their healing?"

This is not simply wishful thinking—it is taught as a **guaranteed promise** of the atonement, meaning if you don't get healed, the problem isn't with God—it's **with you**.

This belief includes:

- Healing is in the atonement, just like salvation
- If someone doesn't get healed, they lacked faith or understanding
- You should keep declaring healing until it manifests
- Doubt and "negative speech" block miracles

But the Bible never promises **universal physical healing in this life**. The atonement *ultimately* heals the body, but not until the **resurrection** (Romans 8:23).

Even Paul said:

"Trophimus have I left at Miletum sick." – 2 Timothy 4:20

Epaphroditus nearly died (Philippians 2:27). Timothy had frequent infirmities (1 Timothy 5:23). Paul himself had a thorn in the flesh and pleaded three times for healing—**God said no** (2 Corinthians 12:7–9).

Johnson's theology is not just flawed—it's **cruel**, because it puts the burden of healing on the shoulders of the already suffering.

II. The Dangerous Fruit of "Guaranteed Healing" Theology

The practical fruit of this false teaching is devastating.

People are told:

- You're not healed because you don't have enough faith
- You're speaking "death" when you admit your symptoms
- You're resisting healing by going to the doctor
- You're dishonoring God if you stop believing for the miracle

This causes:

- **Spiritual guilt**
- **Isolation**
- **Shame**
- **Abandonment of sound doctrine**

Real-life testimonies from former Bethel members describe people hiding illness, faking recovery, or suppressing pain just to not look "unspiritual."

The "Word of Faith" infection has entered charismatic circles, and Bethel is its most powerful carrier.

III. The "Healing on Demand" Culture of Bethel

Bethel's culture doesn't just teach healing—it **demands it**. Students at the Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry (BSSM) are trained to:

- "Go treasure hunting" in public to heal strangers
- "Practice" healing like it's a skill
- Lay hands on everything from the flu to broken bones to cancer
- Declare healing before even asking if someone is saved

Bethel leaders openly teach that healing must be pursued aggressively and practiced often, as though it's an art form or technique.

But the early Church never did "practice sessions."

- Peter didn't practice healing before raising Tabitha.
- Paul didn't activate interns before healing the cripple.

- Jesus never taught disciples to speak **healing declarations** with confidence until the person “receives it.”

This is **spiritual performance, not biblical ministry**.

IV. When Miracles Become Metrics

At Bethel, signs and wonders have become a **metric for success**.

If your ministry doesn't have:

- Healings
- Gold dust
- Angel feathers
- Legs growing out
- Tumors dissolving

...then you're seen as lacking the full gospel.

Bill Johnson has said:

“The gospel without power is not the gospel at all.”

But Paul disagrees:

“Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.” – 1 Corinthians 1:17

The power of the gospel is in the **resurrection**—not the **show**.

V. Faking the Fruit: Bethel's Healing Testimonies Examined

Bethel is known for **flooding the internet with healing testimonies**. But when investigated:

- Many testimonies are vague (“my shoulder felt warm”)
- Some are second-hand or unverifiable
- Several have been **exposed as exaggerated or false**

In 2019, Bethel declared **they had resurrected a dead child**—the infamous #WakeUpOlive campaign. Global prayers went out. Nothing happened.

After days of pressure, Bethel pivoted and claimed it was a lesson in “faith.”

But what it really was—was **public manipulation and false hope**.

The Bible warns:

“Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not... done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you...” – Matthew 7:22–23

VI. Healing in the Bible: Not Always, Not Instant, Not Performance

Yes, God heals. Yes, we should pray for healing. But biblical healing was:

- **Sovereign** – God chose when and who to heal
- **Rare** – Even in Scripture, miracles are clustered in brief seasons
- **Never demanded** – No prophet or apostle guaranteed healing
- **Always gospel-centered** – Healings often validated the gospel message

Bethel divorces healing from the gospel. It no longer accompanies the Word—it **replaces it**.

VII. What About Jesus’ Ministry?

Many will argue, “But Jesus healed everyone!”

Not true. In John 5, Jesus entered a place full of sick people—He healed **one man** and walked away.

Jesus healed to:

- Fulfill prophecy (Isaiah 35:5–6)
- Prove His Messiahship (John 10:38)
- Show compassion (Mark 1:41)
- Validate His authority to forgive sin (Mark 2:10)

It was never to **guarantee healing for all believers in every age**.

VIII. Healing and the Atonement: Twisting Isaiah 53

Bill Johnson and others misuse Isaiah 53:5:

“By his stripes we are healed.”

They claim this guarantees **physical healing** for every believer.

But Peter quotes this verse in 1 Peter 2:24—and applies it to **spiritual healing from sin**.

Even in Matthew 8:17, where the verse is used during Jesus’ healings, it’s pointing to **His power as Messiah**, not a blanket promise of lifetime healing.

The true healing promised in the atonement is the **resurrection** (Romans 8:23, 1 Corinthians 15:42–44).

Until then, we groan. We suffer. We die.

IX. The Idol of Experience

Bethel worships an idol—and it’s called **experience**.

When someone isn’t healed, instead of pointing them to the sufficiency of Christ and the hope of eternity, they urge them to “press in,” “declare louder,” and “activate their faith.”

This leads to burnout. People leave the Church not because God failed—but because they were **lied to about what faith guarantees**.

This is spiritual abuse with glitter on it.

X. What the Church Really Needs

The true Church needs:

- **Biblical compassion** without false promises
- **Bold prayers** without pressure
- **Gospel-centered care**, not gimmicks
- **Hope in Christ**, not hope in manifestations

We must reject the showmanship and return to truth.

“Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders... and the prayer of faith shall save the sick...” – James 5:14–15

This is humble, faithful, sovereign healing—not **healing on demand**.

Conclusion: Signs and Wonders Without Substance

Bill Johnson has created a movement built on **twisted expectations**. He offers healing on demand, a life without sickness, and breakthrough as a guarantee.

But this is **not revival—it’s religious theater**.

It’s time to stand on the unchanging Word—not on changing symptoms.

This is **Essay 3 of 6: Bill Johnson Exposed – Healing on Demand? Twisting Signs and Wonders**.

Let the sick be prayed for. Let healing come, if it be His will.

But let us **never twist God’s power into a tool to validate man’s pride**.

4 of 6: Bill Johnson Exposed – Worship Without Truth: The Deception of the Music

“They that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.” – John 4:24 (KJV)

Music has power. Not just to move our emotions, but to shape our theology, influence our decisions, and define our experience with God. In a generation saturated by playlists, conferences, and charismatic expression, worship has become more than music—it has become the **engine of movements**, the **bait for ministries**, and tragically, the **veil for deception**.

At the center of this seismic shift in modern worship stands **Bethel Music**, the sound born out of Bill Johnson’s Bethel Church in Redding, California. It’s beautiful. It’s emotional. It’s everywhere—from rural youth camps to mega-church sanctuaries, Bethel’s songs are sung by people who don’t even know where they come from.

But this isn’t harmless. It’s calculated.

This essay is not about whether Bethel’s music “sounds good.” It’s about how a musical movement can **cloak heresy**, **spread false theology**, and **seduce the Church away from truth**—all while singing about Jesus.

I. Bethel Music: The Global Soundtrack of a False Gospel

Founded in 2001, **Bethel Music** has exploded into one of the most influential worship brands in the world. Its artists—Jenn Johnson, Brian Johnson, Cory Asbury, Amanda Cook, and others—are household names in Christian music. Songs like “*Reckless Love*,” “*No Longer Slaves*,” and “*Goodness of God*” are sung in thousands of churches each Sunday.

But here's the issue:

- The songs are written by people **deeply immersed** in Bethel’s heretical theology
- The lyrics **reflect** that theology, often in subtle and emotionally manipulative ways
- Singing the songs normalizes the ministry behind them—even if the local church “doesn’t believe in Bethel’s doctrine”

Bethel Music is not just a sound—it’s a **strategy**. It’s the soft front door into a house built on false foundations.

II. Emotional Manipulation as Worship

Biblical worship is rooted in two things: **spirit and truth** (John 4:24).

But Bethel has elevated **spirit**—as emotion, atmosphere, and expression—**above truth**.

Their worship experiences are carefully crafted to:

- Build tension with soft piano and swelling strings
- Drop into intense choruses that repeat one phrase over and over
- Create **emotional vulnerability**, where people cry, fall, shake, or enter trance-like stillness

These moments are then interpreted as the **presence of God**. But rarely are they tested by Scripture.

Emotional response is **not proof** of God’s nearness.

“The heart is deceitful above all things...” – Jeremiah 17:9

“Let all things be done decently and in order.” – 1 Corinthians 14:40

Bethel uses music to manufacture spiritual experience—and calls it worship.

III. Dangerous Lyrics: Sound Doctrine or Sound Effects?

Let's examine some of their most popular songs:

1. *Reckless Love* by Cory Asbury

"Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God..."

God's love is not reckless. Recklessness implies carelessness, unpredictability, or foolish abandon—none of which apply to God's holy, sovereign character.

But the word **sounds passionate**, so it sticks.

2. *You Make Me Brave* by Amanda Cook

This song repeats:

"You make me brave... no fear can hinder now the love that made a way..."

It contains **no gospel**, no cross, no repentance. It is self-empowerment wrapped in vague spiritual phrasing.

3. *Spontaneous Worship Sets*

Much of Bethel's music includes spontaneous worship moments where leaders improvise phrases like:

- "He's breaking off chains..."
- "Come alive, dry bones..."
- "He's here, He's here, He's here..."

But there's no biblical text, no teaching, and often **no discernible meaning**. It's **emotional hypnosis**, not biblical worship.

IV. The Theology Behind the Music

Bethel's music cannot be separated from Bethel's doctrine. Here's what the music subtly reinforces:

- **God always heals** (even though Scripture doesn't promise that)
- **You are destined for greatness** (rather than servanthood and suffering)

- **You can experience heaven on earth now** (rather than waiting for Christ's return)
- **Feelings validate faith** (rather than faith anchored in the Word)

When lyrics constantly affirm **breakthrough, encounter, presence, and victory**—without ever mentioning sin, judgment, repentance, or the cross—you create a **false Christianity that sings but never surrenders.**

V. The Trojan Horse: Music as Doctrinal Entry

Churches that would **never endorse Bill Johnson's teaching** still sing Bethel songs.

Why?

Because the music is:

- Catchy
- Well-produced
- “Anointed” (emotionally moving)

But here's what happens:

1. A youth group sings *No Longer Slaves*
2. Teens search the artist, land on Bethel's YouTube
3. They hear sermons about grave soaking, prophecy, and angelic encounters
4. They're drawn into the world of Bethel
5. They begin measuring their spiritual maturity by **emotion, not Scripture**

That's how you spread a **movement**—not by doctrine, but by **atmosphere.**

Bethel Music is the **gateway drug** to New Apostolic Reformation theology.

VI. Jenn Johnson's “Holy Spirit” Heresy

Jenn Johnson, a worship leader at Bethel, once described the Holy Spirit as:

“Like the genie from Aladdin. He's sneaky, silly, and fun.”

This irreverent view of God was **laughed at, shared online, and celebrated.**

And this same voice leads people into “worship” every Sunday.

You cannot separate the worship from the worship leader. You cannot eat the fruit and pretend the tree is healthy.

“A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit...” – Matthew 7:18

If the theology is rotten—the music is not neutral.

VII. The Danger of Repetition and Trance

One of the hallmarks of Bethel’s worship is **repetitive phrasing**.

Lines like:

- “You’re never gonna let me down...”
- “I’m no longer a slave to fear...”
- “Fill me up...”

These phrases are sung **20, 30, even 50 times in a single service**.

This mimics **Hindu mantras** and **New Age meditation techniques**—using repetition to induce altered states of consciousness.

This isn’t just wrong—it’s **demonic strategy disguised as devotion**.

Jesus warned:

“But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do...” – Matthew 6:7

God is not impressed by how many times you say something.

He’s moved by **truth, humility, and obedience**.

VIII. The Emotional Addiction of Bethel Worship

Bethel’s music is addictive—**not because it teaches truth**, but because it makes people **feel spiritual**.

It causes:

- Tears
- Euphoria
- Emotional catharsis

- A sense of God’s nearness (even if unbiblical)

This builds an addiction cycle:

- No longer satisfied with quiet, reverent worship
- Need fog machines, lights, crescendos
- Confuse silence with absence
- Believe emotion equals anointing

The result is a generation that knows how to **feel God**, but not how to **follow Him**.

IX. Worship Is Not Evangelism

Bethel often defends its songs by saying:

“Even if people don’t know Jesus, our music helps them feel His presence.”

But worship is not for **the lost**—worship is the **response of the redeemed**.

God does not receive praise from unrepentant lips (Isaiah 1:15). He inhabits the praises of **His people** (Psalm 22:3).

When we use music to **appeal to emotions** instead of truth, we are not making worship more accessible—we’re making it **more worldly**.

X. What the Bible Says True Worship Looks Like

Biblical worship is:

- **Centered on God’s character and Word**
- **Offered with reverence and awe (Hebrews 12:28)**
- **Grounded in truth, not preference**
- **Free from sensuality, theatrics, and manipulation**
- **Done with understanding—not confusion (1 Corinthians 14:15)**

Paul said:

“I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.” – 1 Corinthians 14:15

Bethel sings with emotion—but not understanding.

They sing loudly—but not doctrinally.

They sing passionately—but not truthfully.

And without truth—it's not worship.

Conclusion: The Soundtrack of Seduction

Bethel Music has deceived the Church with its emotional seduction, sonic excellence, and spiritual language.

But beneath the melody is **heresy**, and beneath the harmony is **hell's strategy**:

Get the Church to **sing lies** they'd never preach.

Get the youth to **feel close to God** without being born again.

Get the emotionally vulnerable to **equate sound with truth**.

This is not revival. It's **worship without truth**.

This is **Essay 4 of 6: Bill Johnson Exposed – Worship Without Truth: The Deception of the Music**.

The songs may sound like heaven. But the doctrine leads to hell.

Let the Church wake up—and tune its ear back to Scripture.

5 of 6: Bill Johnson Exposed – The Spirit of Error: False Prophecies Exposed

“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.” – 1 John 4:1 (KJV)

Prophecy is sacred. It is not emotional guesswork. It is not vague encouragement. It is not an artistic impression from the stage of a megachurch.

In the Bible, prophecy was precise, often unpopular, and always 100% accurate. But in the hands of today's self-proclaimed apostles and prophets—especially under the influence of Bill Johnson and the Bethel network—prophecy has been reduced to a show of emotionalism, spectacle, and **staggering inaccuracy**.

Bethel's prophetic movement is not a revival of biblical giftings—it is a **spiritual counterfeit operating under the spirit of error**. It uses the language of the Holy Spirit while twisting the integrity of His gifts. And far too many are caught in its web.

In this fifth exposé, we examine the **prophetic abuse**, the **utterly failed predictions**, the **dangerous spiritual practices**, and the culture of **zero accountability** surrounding Bethel's prophetic empire.

I. Bethel's Prophetic Culture: A Snapshot

At Bethel Church and within its broader movement, prophecy is:

- Expected to happen regularly
- Considered normal for all believers
- Activated in training sessions
- Delivered through impressions, dreams, and spontaneous words
- Almost never subject to rebuke—even when false

Every student at the Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry is taught that **they can prophesy**, regardless of biblical qualification or maturity.

They are told to:

- “Speak what comes to mind”
- “Take risks in prophecy”
- “Err on the side of encouragement”
- “Practice hearing God's voice daily”

This turns prophecy into an experiment—not a revelation. It makes error expected and **accuracy optional**.

“When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass... the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously...” – Deuteronomy 18:22

By biblical standards, Bethel's entire prophetic ministry is disqualified.

II. The “Try It and See” Mentality

In any Bethel-affiliated setting, including BSSM and its online extensions, young believers are told to “try” prophetic words like training wheels.

Here’s how it works:

- One person receives a vague thought (“I see green”)
- Another affirms it (“That reminds me of growth!”)
- The “recipient” is coached to respond positively
- Everyone claps, cries, or affirms “God is moving”

But this isn’t the voice of God—it’s **emotional improv theater**.

And when the “word” is wrong?

- The student is told they’re just “growing in the gift”
- The recipient is told to “chew the meat, spit the bones”
- Leadership avoids correction—unless public backlash demands it

“Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge.” – 1 Corinthians 14:29

At Bethel, there is no judgment—only affirmation. There is no fear—only familiarity.

That is not the spirit of truth. That is the spirit of error.

III. The 2020 Prophetic Disaster

One of the most damning demonstrations of Bethel’s false prophetic culture was the string of failed prophecies surrounding the **2020 U.S. election**.

Numerous prophets connected to Bethel and the broader NAR predicted that:

- Donald Trump would be reelected
- A massive revival would follow his second term
- COVID would be defeated by Pentecost
- Angelic interventions were imminent

None of it happened.

Some prophets apologized. Many backtracked. But most **doubled down** or **reframed their predictions** to salvage credibility.

“When the prophet speaketh... if it be not true... thou shalt not be afraid of him.” –
Deuteronomy 18:22

This mass failure should have **shut down the entire prophetic enterprise**—but instead, Bethel continues as if nothing happened. The standard has been lowered so far that even public deception is tolerated.

That is not revival. It’s religious fraud.

IV. The Role of Prophets in Scripture

True prophets in the Bible were:

- Chosen by God
- Feared and respected
- Often unpopular
- Rarely wrong—because **never wrong**

They did not:

- Offer general encouragement
- Give dating advice
- Declare political outcomes
- Declare monthly “words” for breakthrough

Biblical prophets spoke “**thus saith the LORD**”—and their words either came to pass or they were executed (under the law).

Today’s prophets declare “what I feel the Lord is saying”—and when it doesn’t happen, they publish a YouTube update or simply gaslight the Church.

V. False Prophecy = Real Damage

The effects of Bethel’s prophetic culture are not neutral. They include:

- **Crushed faith** when predictions fail
- **Manipulation** of vulnerable people seeking direction

- **Marital destruction** from “God told me you’re my spouse” nonsense
- **Financial exploitation** from “God told me to tell you to sow”
- **Church division** from conflicting personal revelations

When people believe prophecy should be frequent, personal, and affirming—they are **wide open to deception**.

Bethel has made prophecy a tool of **personal experience** rather than **divine truth**.

And that is demonic.

VI. The “Seer” Movement and Mysticism

Bethel doesn’t just believe in prophecy—they believe in **seers**.

Seers are:

- Believers who claim to see into the spirit realm
- People who “interpret” heavenly visions, colors, angelic messages
- Often trained by Bethel-affiliated ministries to walk in their gift

This overlaps directly with **New Age mysticism** and the occult.

Biblical prophets never “learned to see.” They were **shown by God**, often against their will, and spoke with trembling.

Seers at Bethel host workshops on:

- Activating spiritual sight
- Entering heavenly realms
- Navigating dreams and visions
- Engaging with angels

This is not Christianity—it is spiritual experimentation. It opens the door to familiar spirits and **false light**.

“Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.” – 2 Corinthians 11:14

VII. The Impartation Error

One major danger in Bethel's prophetic model is the belief in **impartation**—the idea that prophets can “lay hands” on others and impart their gift or mantle.

This is often accompanied by:

- Jerking, laughing, falling
- Trembling and screaming
- Feelings of power or emotional release

Students are trained to receive this without questioning the source.

But Scripture warns:

“Lay hands suddenly on no man...” – 1 Timothy 5:22

“Try the spirits whether they are of God...” – 1 John 4:1

When people seek power from men instead of truth from the Word, they become vulnerable to **doctrines of devils disguised as gifts of the Spirit.**

VIII. The Lack of Correction

One of the most telling signs that Bethel's prophetic system is false is its **total lack of internal correction.**

Failed prophecies are:

- Reframed
- Ignored
- Defended
- Buried under new “words”

And no one is held to account.

Even though Scripture commands:

“Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.” – 1 Timothy 5:20

A movement that never rebukes itself cannot be trusted. A voice that is never corrected will eventually **lead the flock off a cliff.**

IX. Real Prophecy in the Church Today

Does God still speak? Yes.

Can He guide? Yes.

Is the gift of prophecy real? Yes—but not like Bethel teaches.

True prophecy today must:

- Be in line with Scripture
- Be tested by elders
- Be free from manipulation or showmanship
- Be humble, clear, and submitted to the local church

It is never:

- A substitute for Scripture
- A shortcut to divine knowledge
- A public spectacle
- A platform for control

X. The Call to Discernment

The Church must return to biblical standards.

False prophecy is not harmless. It's not just bad theology—it's **spiritual warfare**.

When false words become normal, **the truth is no longer welcome**.

“The prophets prophesy falsely... and my people love to have it so.” – Jeremiah 5:31

That's where we are today.

And Bethel has become a flagship for the **false prophetic movement** dragging multitudes into deception.

Conclusion: A Flood of False Fire

Bill Johnson has cultivated a prophetic culture where **accuracy is optional, accountability is absent, and emotion trumps Scripture**.

This is not a revival of the Holy Spirit—it is a **flood of false fire** that is confusing, dividing, and weakening the global Church.

This is **Essay 5 of 6: Bill Johnson Exposed – The Spirit of Error: False Prophecies Exposed.**

Let God be true—and every man a liar.

When the smoke clears, all that will remain is the **Word of God rightly divided.**

And no prophecy will ever replace that.

6 of 6: Bill Johnson Exposed – Paul Warned Us: Rightly Dividing vs. Charismatic Chaos

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” – 2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV)

In an era where emotion is exalted, experiences are marketed, and manifestations are mistaken for maturity, the final authority of Scripture has been quietly pushed to the back row.

Few ministries represent this descent into spiritual disorder more vividly than **Bethel Church** in Redding, California, under the leadership of **Bill Johnson**. With signs, wonders, prophecies, and passionate worship flooding their platform, one thing has remained noticeably absent: the **right division of God’s Word.**

This final essay in the series does not just expose Bethel's teachings—it magnifies **Paul’s warnings**, rightly divided from Scripture, that were given to **protect the Church from exactly this kind of confusion.**

When Paul speaks, we must listen—not as an optional lens, but as God’s chosen apostle for the Church age. When Bill Johnson contradicts Paul, we must choose between **apostolic truth or charismatic chaos.**

I. What Is Right Division?

Right division is not a fringe concept—it is a **command**. Paul told Timothy to:

“Rightly divide the word of truth.” – 2 Timothy 2:15

This means:

- Understanding the context of Scripture
- Distinguishing Israel from the Church
- Dividing between law and grace
- Knowing what is descriptive vs. prescriptive
- Recognizing progressive revelation
- Upholding doctrine meant for the Body of Christ, not misapplying signs and shadows meant for Israel

Bill Johnson’s teachings do not rightly divide—they **recklessly combine**. He rips verses out of their dispensational context and applies them as universal promises, signs, or mandates for today’s believers.

II. Paul Warned Us of False Teachers and Fake Signs

Paul did not leave the Church clueless. He warned in vivid detail about:

“Grievous wolves” – Acts 20:29

“Deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ” – 2 Corinthians 11:13

“Another gospel... another spirit” – Galatians 1:6–8

“Doctrines of devils” – 1 Timothy 4:1

“Lying signs and wonders” – 2 Thessalonians 2:9

Bill Johnson and the New Apostolic Reformation fit every single one of these categories.

- They claim apostleship
- They promise healing as a right
- They market prophetic “words”
- They emphasize manifestations over the gospel
- They lead believers into **doctrinal confusion and emotional instability**

This is not an error. It’s a **systematic seduction** of the last days.

III. The Source of Confusion: Misusing the Book of Acts

Bethel treats the Book of Acts not as a **transitional historical record**, but as a **blueprint** for modern Christian life.

Here's what they get wrong:

- **Tongues in Acts 2** were known human languages—not heavenly gibberish
- **Laying on of hands** was unique to the apostles—not for creating power networks
- **Signs and wonders** confirmed the Word in the absence of the completed canon (Hebrews 2:3–4)

Paul's mature epistles (Romans–Philemon) shift the Church from **early signs to established truth**. He teaches walking by faith, not sight (2 Corinthians 5:7), and explains that prophecy, tongues, and knowledge will cease (1 Corinthians 13:8–10).

Bethel refuses to grow up. They've built a permanent theology out of temporary signs. And by doing so, they keep the Church in **spiritual infancy**.

IV. Paul Warned Against Elevating Experience Over Doctrine

Paul was no stranger to supernatural encounters—he was caught up to the third heaven (2 Corinthians 12:2). But what did he say?

“Yet of myself I will not glory... I will glory of my infirmities.” – 2 Corinthians 12:5

He downplayed experience. He exalted **Christ crucified** and **doctrine**.

Bill Johnson does the opposite.

- Dreams are elevated above doctrine
- Manifestations are prioritized over maturity
- Emotion becomes evidence of truth
- God's Word is filtered through “encounters” instead of rightly divided

This is exactly what Paul warned of:

“Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.” – 2 Timothy 3:7

Bethel's followers are chasing spiritual smoke while neglecting the fire of the Word.

V. Paul Warned of Doctrinal Drift in the Last Days

Paul foresaw a time when:

“They will not endure sound doctrine... they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.” – 2 Timothy 4:3–4

Bethel is full of fables:

- Grave soaking
- Angel feathers
- Prophetic riddles
- Emotional enchantment
- Dominionist fairy tales about reclaiming culture

And sadly, many have “itching ears” for it.

But Paul charged Timothy—and us—to:

“Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort...” – 2 Timothy 4:2

Not sing louder. Not prophesy breakthrough. Not soak graves.

Preach. The. Word.

VI. Paul’s Theology: Not Miracles, But Maturity

Modern charismatics claim to walk in Paul’s anointing, but they couldn’t be further from it.

Paul taught:

- Justification by faith (Romans 5:1)
- Grace over law (Romans 6:14)
- Our identity in Christ (Ephesians 1–2)
- Spiritual gifts in order (1 Corinthians 12–14)
- Suffering with joy (Philippians 1:29)

What does Bethel teach?

- Your breakthrough is coming
- You’re called to change nations

- Heaven invades earth when you believe
- You can walk in miracles like Jesus

Paul boasted in weakness. Johnson boasts in wonder.

Paul preached the cross. Bethel markets the crown.

VII. The Gifts of the Spirit: Paul's Correction, Not Celebration

1 Corinthians 12–14 is often used to support Bethel's chaotic services.

But Paul wasn't **endorsing** spiritual excess—he was **rebuking** it.

He clarified:

- Not all speak in tongues (1 Corinthians 12:30)
- Tongues without interpretation are disorderly (1 Corinthians 14:27–28)
- Prophecy must be judged (1 Corinthians 14:29)
- Women are to keep silence in the churches (1 Corinthians 14:34)

Compare that with Bethel's worship experiences:

- Tongues shouted without interpretation
- Female prophets leading prophetic declarations
- Chaotic manifestations without biblical purpose

Bethel claims to be Spirit-filled. But according to Paul's test—they are **out of order**.

“For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace...” – 1 Corinthians 14:33

VIII. The True Signs of a Spirit-Filled Church

According to Paul, the Spirit produces:

- Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance
– Galatians 5:22–23
- Sound doctrine – Titus 2:1
- Spiritual growth – Ephesians 4:14–15

- Unity in the truth – Ephesians 4:13

Bethel produces:

- Hype without holiness
- Passion without purity
- Revivalism without repentance
- Growth without grounding

What they call the Holy Spirit is often **fleshly frenzy** or worse—a **lying spirit cloaked in charisma**.

IX. Paul's Gospel vs. Bethel's Gospel

Paul's gospel was clear:

“That Christ died for our sins... that he was buried, and that he rose again...” – 1 Corinthians 15:3–4

He told the Galatians:

“If any man preach any other gospel unto you... let him be accursed.” – Galatians 1:8

Bethel's gospel adds:

- Signs
- Breakthrough
- Personal destiny
- Apostolic alignment
- Heaven on earth now

It's not **another denomination**. It's **another gospel**.

And Paul already warned us.

X. The Final Divide: Will We Follow Paul or the Crowd?

In the final days of Paul's life, he said:

“All they which are in Asia be turned away from me...” – 2 Timothy 1:15

Even then, many Christians turned from **doctrine to disorder**, from **truth to tales**, from **the Word to the wow-factor**.

History is repeating itself.

Bill Johnson's followers think they've found fire. But they've found strange fire—fire not kindled by Scripture, but by seduction.

And Paul warned us. Clearly.

“For the time will come...” That time is now.

“Men shall be lovers of their own selves...” That time is now.

“They shall heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears...” That time is now.

Conclusion: Let Paul Speak Again

The Word of God does not need fog machines.

It does not need declarations or destiny-speak.

It needs preachers, teachers, and disciples who will rightly divide the truth.

Bethel Church has built a culture on **spiritual chaos, emotional enchantment**, and **biblical distortion**. They ignore Paul, twist Acts, and reimagine the Holy Spirit as a force for sensation.

But Paul has already spoken.

And if we will listen—we'll escape the deception.

This is **Essay 6 of 6: Bill Johnson Exposed – Paul Warned Us: Rightly Dividing vs. Charismatic Chaos**.

Let God's Word be final.

Let Paul's voice ring clear.

Let the fog of false fire be replaced with the clarity of the cross.

And may the Church rise—not in hype, but in holiness.

Bill Johnson Exposed – Series Conclusion: Strange Fire, Strong Delusion

“For the mystery of iniquity doth already work... and for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie.” – 2 Thessalonians 2:7,11 (KJV)

The smoke has cleared. The signs have been tested. The voices have been weighed in the balance.

And Bethel has been found wanting.

This six-part series has laid bare the theological rot and spiritual delusion flowing out of Redding, California. At the center stands **Bill Johnson**, a man whose words drip with gentleness, whose smile disarms, and whose movement is cloaked in passion and power. But behind the charisma lies a system that denies biblical truth, elevates experience over doctrine, and substitutes Scripture with spectacle.

Let the record stand:

- Bethel teaches **grave soaking** and calls it hunger.
- Bethel claims **apostolic authority**, but has none.
- Bethel promises **healing on demand**, and blames the sick when it fails.
- Bethel sells **worship without truth**, and fills churches with seductive sound.
- Bethel promotes **false prophecy**, then refuses to repent when it crumbles.
- Bethel contradicts **Paul's gospel**, all while claiming to be the cutting edge of revival.

This is not Christianity. This is **charismatic chaos wrapped in counterfeit glory**.

This Was Never About Style — It's About Scripture

Some will say, "Why attack another church?"

But this was not an attack—it was a **defense**.

- A defense of sound doctrine.
- A defense of the Word of God rightly divided.
- A defense of believers being led astray by the glitter of strange fire.

When a movement wields this much global influence—**it must be tested**. And when it fails the test—**it must be exposed**.

"Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." –
Ephesians 5:11

Why This Matters Now

The end times are not marked by lack of miracles—but by **abundance of deception**.

“Many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.” – Matthew 24:11

“Seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils...” – 1 Timothy 4:1

“With all power and signs and lying wonders...” – 2 Thessalonians 2:9

Signs and wonders are not the proof of God’s favor—they are the **testing ground of discernment**.

And Bethel is failing that test in real time.

The danger is not just what Bethel teaches. It’s what Bethel replaces:

- **Conviction with choreography**
- **The cross with clouds**
- **Doctrine with declarations**
- **Sanctification with soaking sessions**
- **The fear of the Lord with feelings in a room**

The result? A global movement singing about Jesus while unknowingly **walking away from His Word**.

What We Must Do Now

1. **Warn the flock** – Especially the young, who confuse Bethel’s atmosphere with anointing.
2. **Cut the influence** – Remove Bethel music, books, and resources from your life and church.
3. **Teach rightly divided doctrine** – Paul’s gospel must become the standard again.
4. **Preach Christ crucified** – Not encounter, breakthrough, or dominion—but **the finished work of Calvary**.
5. **Pray for deliverance** – Many in this movement are not wicked—they’re **wounded and deceived**.

Let the Fire Fall—The Right Kind

True revival won't come through smoke machines or graveyards.

It will come through **repentance, preaching, sound doctrine, and the rightly divided Word of God.**

Bethel's fire is strange. But God's fire is holy.

Bethel's revival is shallow. But the true gospel still saves.

“The fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.” – 1 Corinthians 3:13

And when that fire tries this movement—it will burn.

This concludes the **Bill Johnson Exposed** series.

Let those who love truth never again confuse **charisma with calling, or power with purity.**

Test everything. Trust the Word. And when in doubt, ask Paul.

The fog is lifting. The fire is false.

And the remnant is waking up.