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An Analysis of the Divergence between Word and Spirit

**Word
(Cessationist)**

**Spirit
(Continuationist)**

Centrality of Sermon _____

Centrality of Worship

Predictability _____

Spontaneity

Principles _____

Power

Prizes knowledge _____

Prizes experience

Focus on the Intellect _____

Focus on the Affections

The Bible: emphasis on meaning _____

The Bible: emphasis on significance

Explanation of what God has done/said; focus on past achievements (preserve them) _____

Expectation of what God will do/say; focus on future purposes (pursue them)

Penchant for the archaic _____

Penchant for the novel

Insists on biblical precedent _____

Insists on biblical prohibition

Process oriented _____

Event oriented

Christian life is the progressive outworking of an original deposit _____

Christian life is the repetitive experience of a fresh power

Reformation _____

Revival

Biblically informed wisdom _____

Spiritually imparted discernment

Observation _____

Intuition

Guidance: confidence in objective principles _____

Guidance: confidence in subjective promptings

Focus on the "Not Yet" _____

Focus on the "Already"

Potential for defeatism _____

A focus on quality; a desire for better _____

Tendency to embrace suffering _____

Struggle with Flesh _____

Christians cannot be demonized _____

Typically dichotomous _____

Mundane _____

The seen _____

Tendency to deify tradition _____

God has spoken _____

Prayer is monologue _____

Reliance on natural talents _____

Lack of appreciation for the supernatural and surprising _____

If a natural explanation is possible, it's probable _____

Tendency to be skeptical _____

Proclamation evangelism _____

Focus on the NT _____

Focus on the Epistles _____

Emphasis: God's sovereignty _____

More inclined to be Calvinistic _____

Potential for triumphalism

A focus on quantity; a desire for more

Tendency to expect healing

Struggle with Demons

Christians can be demonized

Typically trichotomous

Miraculous

The unseen

Tendency to demonize tradition

God is speaking

Prayer is dialogue

Reliance on spiritual gifts

Lack of appreciation for the natural and routine

If a supernatural explanation is possible, it's probable

Tendency to be gullible

Power evangelism

Focus on the OT

Focus on the Gospels

Emphasis: man's responsibility

More inclined to be Arminian

Stresses Christ's Deity _____

Worship = proclamation of biblical truth _____

Worship: focus on understanding God (worship is theological) _____

Worship: God's presence is a theological assumption to be extolled _____

Worship: focus on God's transcendence _____

Worship: fear & reverence _____

Worship: concern with form _____

Worship: controlled & restricted _____

Worship: regulative principle _____

Worship: sing about God _____

Sacramental _____

Emphasis: "Instrumentality" _____

Emphasis on God's holiness _____

Faith in God _____

Obedience to God _____

Focus on Justification _____

Lower expectations of prayer _____

Angels: a theological belief _____

Emphasis on intellectual impact of divine principles _____

Stresses Christ's Humanity

Worship = personal encounter with God

Worship: focus on enjoying God (worship is relational)

Worship: God's presence is a tangible reality to be experienced

Worship: focus on God's immanence

Worship: joy & love

Worship: focus on freedom

Worship: emotionally & physically expressive

Worship: normative principle

Worship: sing to God

Non-sacramental

Emphasis: "Immediacy"

Emphasis on God's love

Love for God

Intimacy with God

Focus on Sanctification

Higher expectations of prayer

Angels: a functional reality

Emphasis on emotional impact of divine presence

Fearful of emotionalism _____

Tendency to draw the boundaries of orthodoxy more narrowly _____

Potential for arrogant exclusivism _____

Lower tolerance for error _____

Tendency to be more strict w/ church discipline _____

Grounds for unity: theological agreement _____

Jesus and the miraculous not a model for ministry _____

Holy Spirit: focus on original impartation / indwelling _____

Spiritual Gifts: focus on permanent/residential _____

Tendency to be more Complementarian _____

Fearful of intellectualism

Tendency to draw the boundaries of orthodoxy more broadly

Potential for naïve sentimentalism

Higher tolerance for error

Tendency to be more lenient w/ church discipline

Grounds for unity: shared experience

Jesus and the miraculous a model for ministry

Holy Spirit: focus on repetitive infilling / empowerment

Spiritual Gifts: focus on occasional/circumstantial

Tendency to be more Egalitarian