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The emerging pentecostal movement of the early twentieth century recognized the need to develop a coherent platform from which to promote the pentecostal distinctive of Spirit baptism. In the midst of heated debate interwoven with a multiplicity of alternative models was advanced. George Jeffreys, the founder of the Elim Pentecostal Church, taught that the Holy Spirit is received at baptism in the Holy Spirit; they receive him only at the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Rather, Jeffreys asserted, it is the Holy Spirit of the Trinity who comes to indwell the believer at regeneration, and this Spirit of Christ is entirely distinct from and in no way identical to the Holy Spirit of the Trinity.

Spirit. Jeffreys' Spirit of Christ teaching was widely promoted within the Elim movement during the 1920s and 1930s within British Pentecostalism as late as the 1960s, before it faded into theological obscurity. Nevertheless, the implications of Spirit reception remain a live issue within Pentecostalism today.

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