

Abstract:

This bachelor thesis deals with a relatively modern, but dynamically developing branch of Christianity – Pentecostalism, especially its youngest form – Neocharismatic movement, which is also the most popular in Czech Republic.

The thesis consists of three main parts. The first chapter provides a historical overview of Pentecostalism, both worldwide and in the Czech Republic. The second part introduces one of pentecostal communities – Oasis Church and provides a description of pentecostal theology, anthropology, cosmological evolution, conversion process and neocharismatic gospel.

The third part examines and interprets the results of my two-month field research of the Oasis Church. I decided to pick up this Church as a representation of pentecostal faith to be able to point out the specific features of this spirituality. This part particularly focuses on the description of this group, its ritual behavior, pentecostal prayer, the nature of charismatic leading, social structure inside the community, and the way they treat strangers.

The aim is to understand the pentecostal phenomenon in the Czech Republic by following its historical progress and explaining its peculiarities and its positive as well as negative aspects.