

HAVE YOU RECEIVED SINCE YOU BELIEVED?

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1. Most of the religious Christian world sees the infilling of the Holy Ghost as an added blessing that is optional to the Christian. But, how important is the Holy Ghost? Is it for us today or just for the Apostles? In this lesson we will examine this vital subject in detail.
2. **But what does the Bible say? Receiving the Holy Ghost is not a have to, it is a get to!**

Act 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

- a. Powerless without it?

Act 19:2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

Joh 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and *of* the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Joh 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Joh 3:7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

- a. What is the water and what is the Spirit? What is the meaning of "You must be born again?"

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT TO SUPPORT THE INFILLING OF THE HOLY GHOST?

1. **Isaiah 28:9-12 tells of stammering lips and another tongue that God would give to His people.** Paul spoke of this experience in 1 Corinthians 14:12 in referring to Isaiah Prophecy concerning the infilling of the Holy Ghost.

Isa 28:11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

Isa 28:12 To whom he said, This *is* the rest *wherewith* ye may cause the weary to rest; and this *is* the refreshing: yet they would not hear.

2. **Joel 2:28-29 Tells of God pouring out His Spirit upon all flesh.** Peter quotes much of these verses in Acts 2 and tells us that the outpouring of the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost was a fulfillment of that prophecy.

Act 2:16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

Act 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

Act 2:18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

3. **The Spirit would be poured upon us from Heaven:**

Isa 32:15 Until the spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest.

Act 2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

WHAT ARE THE SUPPORTING NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ABOUT THE HOLY GHOST

1. **John the Baptist is quoted in all four Gospel writers** (Matthew 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; John 1:33) that Jesus would

be the one who would baptize them with the Holy Ghost and with fire.

Mat 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and *with* fire:

Mar 1:8 I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.

Luk 3:16 John answered, saying unto *them* all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:

Joh 1:31 And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.

Joh 1:32 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.

2. **Jesus said that the spirit was like:**

- a. A river of living water spring up unto everlasting life (John 4:10-14).
- b. The Spirit would be like a river of God's love in us.

Rom 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

WHO CAN RECEIVE THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST?

God made conditional promises to those who want the Holy Ghost. When these Bible Conditions are met, ANYONE can receive the Holy Ghost. God is no respecter of persons, but will give the Holy Ghost to them that ask Him (Luke 11:13).

1. **God's Promise to pour His Spirit out on all flesh:** Sons, Daughters, Servants, and Handmaids (Joel 2:28-29 & Acts 2:16-17).
2. **Whosoever will let him come:** (Rev. 22: 17)

Rev 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

3. **God give the Holy Ghost to them that obey Him** (Acts 5:32).

Act 5:32 And we are his witnesses of these things; and *so is* also the Holy Ghost, **whom God hath given to them that obey him.**

WHAT IS THE EVIDENCE OF THE HOLY GHOST?

1. **On the Day of Pentecost,** the birthday of the church, on hundred and twenty spoke with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance when they received the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:1-4).
2. **Numerous scriptures** are at your disposal for you to study of this beautiful gift called the gift of the Holy Ghost.
3. **The Jews on the Day of Pentecost,** when the church was born, they spoke in other tongues (Acts 2:1-4).
4. **Isaiah Prophesied of God speaking through them with other tongues** (Isaiah 28:9-12).
5. **It is conclusive that the Samaritans spoke in tongues** (Acts 8:1-25).
6. **Cornelius household, who were Gentiles, received the Holy Ghost, and spoke in tongues** (Acts 10:44-48).
7. **Certain Disciples of John:**

Act 19:1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,

Act 19:2 He said unto them, **Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?** And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

Act 19:3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

Act 19:4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

Act 19:5 When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Act 19:6 And when Paul had laid *his* hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

WHY IS THE HOLY GHOST SO IMPORTANT?

God's Spirit is very important to us in our lives, so much that a person cannot be saved without it. Jesus Said "Except a man be born of the water and of he Spirit he cannot enter the Kingdom of God" John 3:5).

Three important reasons for the Spirit of God to indwell within our lives.

1. **It is necessary for Salvation:** (Romans 8:9-11; Acts 2:38; John 3:3-7).

Rom 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Rom 8:10 And if Christ *be* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin; but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness.

2. **It will lead and guide into all truth:**

Joh 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

3. **It acts as a discerner and an intercessor:**

Rom 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Rom 8:27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.