

CLASSES OF PEOPLE THAT NEED THE HOLY GHOST

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Act 2:36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Act 2:37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?

Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Act 2:39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call.

THE LESSON ON BEING PERSISTANT

Luk 11:5 And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves;

Luk 11:6 For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him?

Luk 11:7 And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee.

Luk 11:8 I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.

Luk 11:9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

Luk 11:10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Luk 11:11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if *he ask* a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

Luk 11:12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

Luk 11:13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

Jer 29:12 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

Jer 29:13 **And ye shall seek me, and find *me*, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.**

Jer 29:14 **And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity,** and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.

1. This Parable teaches us the value and necessity of having a burning desire for the Holy Ghost, and of being persistent in asking God to fill us with His Spirit.
2. **It also teaches us I this parable about a generous God:**

Luk 11:13 If ye (fathers) then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

THIS PARABLE TEACHES US TO IMPORTANT TRUES

1. The Holy Ghost is a pressing need deserving of shameless persistence.
2. God is eager to give the Holy Ghost to desperate people.

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THE RELIGIOUS ACTIVIST NEED THE HOLY GHOST

1. The twelve apostles, men who were with Jesus for three and a half years healing the sick and casting out devils, needed the Holy Ghost.
2. **Jesus told His disciples:** First He opened their understanding, then he told them to tarry in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. "I am with you now, but I shall be in you"

Joh 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

Joh 14:17 *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

Joh 14:18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

3. **Luke wrote that these men received the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking with other tongues.**

Act 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

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.

Act 2:3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

Act 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

**THE HIGHLY FAVORED AND BLESSED OF THE LORD
NEED THE HOLY GHOST**

1. **Gabriel said to Mary the Mother of Jesus:** “Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women” Luke 1:28.
2. **Later, Elizabeth said,** “blessed art thou among women” Luke 1:42
3. Five times in the first chapter of Luke, it stated that May was blessed by God. Even though she was highly favored and blessed by God, she still needed to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
4. Even though she was virgin, she was still born into sin like all humanity.

Rom 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Rom 3:9 What then? are we better *than they*? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin;

Rom 3:10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

5. **She is listed along with the twelve apostles**, the brothers of Jesus and the unnamed women as waiting for the promise of the Father; She was one of the 120 who received the Holy Ghost on the Day of Pentecost. God's blessing and favor was not enough, she needed the Holy Ghost.

Act 1:14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

Act 1:15 And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,)

PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN HEALED AND DELIVERED NEED THE HOLY GHOST

Act 8:7 For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed *with them*: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.

Act 8:8 And there was great joy in that city.

1. **The Samaritans need of the Holy Ghost** is seen in the fact that Peter and John came from Jerusalem and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost.

Act 8:15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

Act 8:16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

Act 8:17 Then laid they *their* hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

2. **They laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.**

SINCERE, BUT MISGUIDED, RELIGIOUS ZEALOTS NEED THE HOLY GHOST

1. This is exactly what describes the Saul of Tarsus. He was sincere; he was zealous toward God (See Acts 22:3.
2. He was exceedingly mad against all Jesus name Christians.

Act 26:11 And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled *them* to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted *them* even unto strange cities.

Unto strange cities - Unto foreign cities; cities out of Judea. The principal instance of this was his going to Damascus;

3. On his conversion, the Lord spoke to Ananias not to be afraid of him:

Act 9:15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

Act 9:16 For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

Act 9:17 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, *even* Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

Act 9:18 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

PRAYERFUL AND GENEROUS FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH NEED THE HOLY GHOST

1. Cornelius was a devout, God fearing, generous, praying man. He would be a prime prospect for membership in most churches today. YET THE BIBLE TELLS US WAS NOT SAVED. And needed to be born of the water and of the spirit.
2. God dispatched a reluctant Simon Peter to preach to Cornelius so he could receive the Spirit.

Act 10:44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

Act 10:45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Act 10:46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,

Act 10:47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

Act 10:48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

LONG STANDING CHURCH MEMBERS NEED THE HOLY GHOST

1. Paul finds twelve men in Ephesus who had responded to John's call to repentance. They had accepted John's baptism, a baptism that required of genuine repentance. They were true believers.
2. Paul wanted to know "Hove ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? (Acts 19:2).
3. Then after Paul baptized them in the name of the Lord Jesus, he "laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied (Acts 19:5-6).

THESE EXPAMLES ARE SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE THT EVERYONE NEEDS THE HOLY GHOST

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.

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.