

PURPOSE OF HIS COMING

1. God's divine purpose is spelled out by the ministry of Jesus Christ:

Luk 19:10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Joh 3:17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

1Jn 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Joh 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.

“Shall call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins”

1. Jesus came to save us by giving His own life a ransom for us, by shedding His own blood that we might receive the forgiveness of sins.

1Ti 2:4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

Col 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son:

Col 1:14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins:

GOSPEL ONLY WORKS ON THE HUNGRY AND THE THIRSTY

Joh 7:37 In the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

Joh 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

Joh 7:39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet *given*; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Luk 1:53 He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.

Mat 5:6 Blessed *are* they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

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JESUS USE THE PARABLE OF THE IMPORTUNATE MAN
TI ILLUSTRATE TO US THE URGENCY OF RECEIVING
THE HOLY GHOST

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?

1. God is not like this reluctant friend who was forced into giving his neighbor bread at midnight. But rather because of the persistence of his neighbor the man yielded to his demands.
2. Part of this story teaches the value and necessity of having a burning desire for the Holy Ghost and being persistent in asking God till he fills you with His Spirit.
3. **This Parable also teaches us about the Generosity of God.**

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?

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.

TWO IMPORTANT TRUES THAT THIS PARABLE TEACHES US

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

CLASSES OF PEOPLE WHO NEED THE HOLY GHOST

1. **The Religious Activist Needs the Holy Ghost:** (Those who feel that they are already saved)

EXAMPLE: Nichodemus (Ruler of the Jews)

Joh 3:1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

Joh 3:2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

Joh 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

- a. **The Chosen Twelve:** (He opened their understanding)

Luk 24:46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

Luk 24:47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Luk 24:48 And ye are witnesses of these things.

Luk 24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Luk 24:50 And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

Luk 24:51 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

Luk 24:52 And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy:

Luk 24:53 And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

2. **The Highly Favored and Blessed People need the Holy Ghost:**

- a. The Angel Gabriel said to Mary the Mother of Jesus: “Hail, thou that are highly favored, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women.”

(Luke 128).

- b. Five times in the first chapter of Luke it is stated that Mary was blessed by God. But even though she was highly favored and blessed by God, **She Still Needed the Holy Ghost.**

- c. She was listed along with the twelve disciples, the brothers of James, Mary and unnamed women waiting for the promise of the Father. She was with the 120 who received the Holy Ghost on the Day of Pentecost. God’s blessings and favor was not enough, **she needed the Holy Ghost.**

3. **People who generous friends of the Church need the Holy Ghost:**

(Acts 10)

- a. Cornelius was a devout man: God fearing, generous, praying man. He would be a prime prospect for membership in most churches today. Yet the

Bible tells us he was not SAVED without the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and being Baptized in Jesus Name.

b. **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.

4. **The Long Standing Church Member, needs the Holy Ghost:**

a. **Paul found twelve men of Ephesus who had responded to John's call to repentance.** They had accepted John's baptism, a baptism that had required of them genuine repentance. They were true believers.

b. **Paul wanted to know** "Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?" (Acts 19:2).

c. **Then after Paul re-baptized them in the name of the Lord Jesus,** then He; "Laid his hands upon them and the Holy Ghost came upon them; and they spake with tongues and prophesied (Acts 19: 5-6).

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.

