

Acts 1:8

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 2:38-39

“Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the ²remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

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Acts 2:36

- Jesus – approved of God – miracles, wonders, signs
- His resurrection foretold by David
 - David not speaking of himself
 - David speaking of the Christ
- Apostles are witnesses of His resurrection
- Jesus, whom God raised from the dead, is exalted to the right hand of God
 - What the audience saw and heard that day

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- The important conclusion is: God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ
 - Lord = one having authority
 - Master; God-ordained Ruler
 - Christ = annointed
 - Messiah is the Hebrew term
 - God’s annointed King
- They wanted the Messiah, but they killed the Messiah

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- No reason to remain uncertain
 - “Know assuredly”
- The audience:
 - Before this sermon,
 - They did not believe they needed to do anything, and
 - They certainly would not have asked the apostles to guide them
 - But at the point of verse 37
 - Cut to the heart
 - Heb 4:12
 - Eph 6:17
 - What shall we do?
 - A question motivated by belief the Jesus they killed is both Lord and Christ

The Question & The Answer

- The question: What shall we do?
 - Asked in response to Peter's concluding statement in verse 36
 - Asked as a result of belief
- The answer from Peter was NOT:
 - You are saved already because you already believe
 - You need to pray in order to be saved
 - They already knew this from verse 21: "whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved," but that was not a full explanation of what they needed to do
- Significant: The first time this question has been asked and has been answered

The Question & The Answer

- The answer from Peter:
 - Repent – to change one’s mind
 - lit. “to perceive afterwards”
 - 2 Cor 7:10
 - Let every one of you
 - Infants? No. Those who were “pierced to the heart”
 - Ax 2:21 – whosoever
 - Ax 10:34-35 – whoever
 - Be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins
 - A Command – be baptized [immersed]
 - In the name of Jesus Christ
 - Recognition to the One whose command is being obeyed
 - Mk 16:16
 - For = “in order to”. [not “because”]
 - Remission of sins
 - Mt 26:28

“and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit”

- If they obey Peter’s instruction, will they receive
 - the gift from the Holy Spirit?
- Or
 - the gift which is the Holy Spirit?
- “gift”
 - Ax 8:20 – “gift of God” – gift from God
 - Rom 6:23 – “gift of God” – gift from God
 - But grammatically, Ax 2:38 can be gift “from” or gift “which is”
- But consider that the “promise” of verse 39 is tied to the receiving of the gift of verse 38
 - vs. 39 – “because”

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- Verse 39
- “for [because] the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call”
- Similar “promise” language in 2:33
 - “therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and *having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit...*”
 - Jesus received what was promised by the Holy Spirit (vs.25-31)
 - This is not saying Jesus received the Holy Spirit, but He received the what the Holy Spirit had promised
 - Perhaps helpful with vs.38-39

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- “for [because] the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call”
- Any other promises in Peter’s sermon, especially that would apply to the hearer?
 - Joel’s prophecy – vs. 17-21
 - But did those who believed, repented, and were baptized automatically receive the things of vs. 17-18?
 - No, consider 8:15-17
 - In the Samaritans’ case, “receive the Holy Spirit” = gifts through the laying on of the apostles’ hands
 - But verse 21 – here’s a promise to “whoever” calls upon the name of the Lord
 - This promise would certainly apply to these hearers

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- Consider Gal 3:8, 14, 22, 26-29
 - 3:8 – And the Scripture, *forseeing that God would* justify the nations by faith, *preached* the gospel to Abraham *beforehand*, saying, “In you *all the nations* shall be *blessed*.”
 - 3:14 – a *blessing* that would come upon the *Gentiles in Christ Jesus*, that we might *receive the promise of the Spirit* through faith
 - 3:22 - ...that the *promise by faith in Jesus Christ* might be *given* to those who believe
 - 3:26-29 – For *you* are all sons of God through *faith in Jesus Christ*. For *as many of you* as were *baptized into Christ* have put on Christ.
- Ax 2:38-39
 - Repent and let every one of you be *baptized in the name of Jesus Christ* for the remission of sins, and you shall *receive the gift of the Holy Spirit*. For the *promise* is to *you* and to *your children*, and to *all who are afar off*, as many as the Lord our God will call.

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- Consider I Peter 1:9-12 and II Peter 1:21 and Heb 2:4
 - I Pet 1:9-12 – ...receiving the end of your faith, the salvation of your souls. Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven – things which angels desire to look into
 - II Pet 1:21 – ...for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit
 - Heb 2:4 – God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will
- Summarized:
 - Salvation was
 - Told beforehand through prophecy by the Holy Spirit
 - Revealed through the gospel by the Holy Spirit
 - Confirmed by the Holy Spirit
 - Salvation is the promise and the gift of the Holy Spirit
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- Purpose of baptism in the name of Jesus:
 - The remission of your sins
- The blessing promised to those who obey the command:
 - The gift of the Holy Spirit
 - Salvation
 - Promised by the Holy Spirit: “whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved”
 - They called on the name of the Lord
 - ☞ They shall be saved
 - Promised to “whoever”
 - Even those who are “afar off” – Eph 2:11-17
 - How many?
 - As many as the Lord our God will call – 2 Thes 2:13-14

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- The gift of the Holy Spirit is not:
 - Baptism of the Holy Spirit
 - Ax 11:15-18
 - Eph 4:4-6
 - Miraculous gifts given through the laying on of the apostles hands
 - The gift promised to “as many as the Lord our God will call,” but gifts would cease
 - I Cor 13:8-10
 - Ax 8 – the Samaritans
 - Apostles came down so that they might “receive the Holy Spirit” = “gift of God” (Ax 8:20)
 - But “gift of the Holy Spirit” promised to all who repent and are baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins

How was the audience converted?

- Verse 14 – “hear my words”
- Verse 22 – “hear these words”
- Verse 36-38 – “now when they heard this...”
- Verse 41 – “with many other words...”
- Exactly the way Jesus commanded them:
 - Mt 28:19
 - Mk 16:15
 - Lk 24:46-47
- How will men be converted today?
 - Rom 1:16

How was the audience converted?

- Their conversion involved:
 - The gospel message acting upon their:
 - Intellect
 - Verse 36 – “know for certain”
 - Resulting in faith
 - Conscience
 - Verse 37 – “cut to the heart”
 - An act of their Will
 - Verse 38 – “repent”
 - Verse 38 - “be baptized”
 - Verse 41 – “those who gladly received his word were baptized”

Those Who Gladly Received His Word

- Were baptized
- Continued steadfastly [continually devoted; gave constant attention to] in:
 - The apostles' doctrine
 - Why listen to them?
 - Verse 43 – still an emphasis
 - Fellowship
 - Sharing, joint participation, communion
 - I Jn 1:3; Rom 15:26; Phil 1:5
 - The breaking of bread
 - Prayers
 - Why do these things?
 - They've changed!

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- Changed people
 - Col 1:13
 - Charity – vs. 44-45
 - Continuing daily in the temple
 - Hospitality – vs. 46
 - Sharing meals from house to house
 - Gladness
 - Simplicity of heart
 - Praising God

Measures or Manifestations of the Holy Spirit

	The Spirit without measure	Baptism of the Holy Spirit	Spiritual Gifts	Gift of the Holy Spirit	Indwelling of the Holy Spirit
Promised to		Apostles: Ax 1:4-8			
Possessed by	Christ: Jn 3:34	Apostles: Ax 2:1-4			
Duration		Life of the apostles			

Holy Spirit Baptism vs. Baptism in the name of Jesus

	Holy Spirit Baptism	Scriptures	Baptism for Salvation	Scriptures
Promise or Command?	Promise	Acts 1:4	Command	Mk 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16
Subjects	Certain people	Acts 1:2-5	All men	Mk 28:18; Mk 16:15-16
When	Wait for God's time	Acts 1:4, 6	Do not wait	Acts 2:38, 41; 22:16
Where	Wait in Jerusalem	Acts 1:4	In the whole world	Mt 28:19; Mk 16:15
Purpose	Miraculous Power	Acts 1:8	Forgiveness of Sins	Acts 2:38; 22:16
Administered by	Jesus	Mt 3:11	Men	Mt 28:19
Water?	No	Acts 1:5	Yes	Acts 8:35-39
Essential for salvation?	No	Ax 1,2; Ax 10, 11	Yes	Mk 16:16
When ceased?	When apostles died	Eph 4:5	Has not ceased	Eph 4:5

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Possessed by			Given through the laying on of the apostles hands: Ax 8:14-18; 19:6 Non-transferrable: Ax 6:5-6; 8:12-18	Ax 2:38-39	1 Cor 3:16 2 Tim 1:14
Duration			1 Cor 13	Ax 2:38-39	

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