



# Acts: The Holy Spirit

- Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, had given commandments
  - 1:2
- Baptism with the Holy Spirit
  - 1:5, 8; 2:4
  - 10:44-45, 47; 11:15-16; 15:8
- The Holy Spirit spoke through the Scriptures
  - 1:16
  - 2:33
  - 28:25
- The gift of the Holy Spirit
  - 2:38

# Parallel Thoughts

- “If therefore God gave them **the same gift as He gave us** when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God? (11:17)
- “Then God has also granted to the Gentiles **repentance to life**” (11:18)
- “So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as He did to us, and made no distinction between us and them, **purifying their hearts by faith.**” (15:8-9)



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- Filled with the Holy Spirit
  - 2:4
  - 4:8, 31
  - 6:3, 5
  - 7:55
  - 9:17
  - 11:24
  - 13:9
  - 13:52
  - cf. Ephesians 5:18-19, Col 3:16



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- The Holy Spirit was lied to
  - 5:3
- The Holy Spirit given to those who obey him
  - 5:32
  - cf. Mk 16:17-20
- Resisting the Holy Spirit
  - 7:51
- Receiving the Holy Spirit
  - 8:15, 17, 18, 19
  - 19:2, 6
- Comfort of the Holy Spirit
  - 9:31



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- Jesus anointed with the Holy Spirit
  - 10:38
  - cf. Lk 4:18, Mt 12:28
- The Holy Spirit spoke
  - 13:2, 4
  - 21:11
- The Holy Spirit's will
  - 15:28



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- The Holy Spirit forbade
  - 16:6
- The Holy Spirit testifies
  - 20:23
- The Holy Spirit made overseers
  - 20:28

# Acts: 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
<p>Possessed by: Christ: Jn 3:34</p>	<p>Promised to: Apostles Lu. 24:49 Jn 14-16 Ax 1:4-5</p> <p>Received by: Apostles Ax 2:1-4</p> <p>Administered by: Jesus Mt 3:11</p> <p>Received by Gentiles on one special to convince the Jews that God had granted to the Gentiles repentance unto life Acts 10, 11</p>	<p>Given through: the laying on of the apostles' hands Ax 8:14-18; 19:6 2 Tim 1:6</p> <p>Identified: 1 Cor 12</p> <p>Duration: 1 Cor 13</p> <p>Regulated: 1 Cor 14</p>	<p>Promised to: all who repent and are baptized Ax 2:38-39</p>	<p>The Holy Spirit dwells in the Christian 1 Cor 3:16, 6:19, 20 Rom 8:9-11</p> <p>The Holy Spirit dwells in the Christian through the word of God Eph 5:18-19; Col 3:16</p>

# Acts: Holy Spirit baptism vs. baptism in the name of Jesus Christ

	Holy Spirit Baptism	Baptism in the name of Jesus Christ
Promise or Command?	Promise Acts 1:4	Command Mk 16:16; Acts 2:38, 22:16
Subjects	Certain people - apostles Acts 1:2-5	All men Mt 28:18; Mk 16:15-16; Ax 2:39
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; Acts 1:8
Purpose	Apostles – miraculous power, guide into all truth (Jn 14-16, Acts 1:8) Cornelius – to acknowledge the Gentiles (Acts 15:8)	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

Ephesians 1:4: “one baptism”



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

- 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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## Does Acts answer these questions?

- What must I do to be saved?
- Once saved always saved?
- What must I do if I sin after I have been baptized?
- To solve a religious question, what should I consider?
- What does it mean to speak in tongues?
- What methods should be used to teach the gospel?



# Acts: Practical Details of Truth in the Epistles

- Romans
  - Who wrote it?
  - What was he taught to do?
  - What did he do?
  - What did he teach others to do?
  - Understand Romans in light of this



# What does Acts tell us about apostolic authority?

- The apostles' authority was confirmed
  - Signs
  - Laying on of hands
- The apostles' authority was heeded
  - 2:42 – apostles' doctrine
  - 6:2 – apostles' instruction followed
  - 15 – apostolic examples authoritative



# Acts: The gospel is for all

- Jew & Gentile
- Men and women
- Religious toward God and idolator
- Moral and immoral
- Small and great
- “Likely” and “unlikely”



# Acts: The reality of the enemy - Within and Without -

- Persecution
  - From old companions
- Tribulation
- False teaching





# Acts: Enemies of the cross

- Dishonest
- Power-hungry
- Proud
- Furious
- Covetous
- Men-pleasers
- Envious
- Lovers of money
- Self-seekers
- Prejudiced





# Acts: What does repentance look like?

- Taught
  - 2:38, 3:19, 17:30, 8:22, 26:20
- Obeyed
  - 2:41
  - 8:24
  - 9:9; 9:20; 26:19
  - 19:19



## Acts: Other great benefits to you and to me

- Courage of apostles and saints
- Committed lives
- Method of teaching and preaching
  - Reasoning, explaining, persuading from the Scriptures
  - Point to evidences of the one true God...therefore need to listen to Him
- Be ready for the lengths to which prejudiced men will go