

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 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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- 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

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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
 - What is that promise? Salvation
- So what is the gift of the Holy Spirit?
 - Salvation

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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
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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; prophets speaking as they were moved 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 with 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

Does the Holy Spirit dwell in Christians?

- Romans 8:9, 11
- 1 Corinthians 6:9-11
- 2 Timothy 1:14

- The Bible's answer to the question is Yes.

The Holy Spirit dwells in Christians

- Does the Bible tell us anything about *what it means for the Holy Spirit to dwell in us?*
 - Let the Holy Spirit tell us
 - Hebrews 10:15-17
 - John 15:26
 - 1 Corinthians 2:10-16
 - 2 Timothy 3:16-17
 - Romans 10:17

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- Dwell = to abide in; to inhabit as one's abode; to settle down in a dwelling; to dwell finally in a place
- Critical to understand literal vs. figurative/metaphorical
- Dwell in literally:
 - Mark 1:4-5
 - Philippians 1:1
 - “Joe is in the room”
- Dwell in, in some figurative sense:
 - Philippians 1:7 – fellowship: “partakers”
 - 1 Corinthians 5:3-5 – present *in* spirit (body in Ephesus but spirit separated from body and in Corinth?)
 - Revelation 2:13
 - Colossians 1:27
 - “I see your father in you”