Holy Ghost Baptism Is a Promise

"And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them"

(Ezekiel 36:27).

he Old Testament contains promises of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Jeremiah 31:33-34; Ezekiel 36:26-27; Joel 2:28-29). God's Spirit would actually live inside of man. When the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Day of Pentecost it was a fulfillment of Joel's prophecy. The question was asked, "What meaneth this?" (Acts 2:12). The answer, "But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh" Acts 2:16-17).

The initial (first) evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is speaking in other tongues, as the spirit gives the utterance.

Benefits of having the baptism of the Holy Ghost

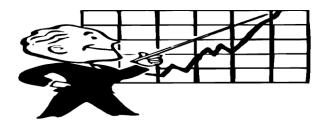
- ☐ Teaches us all things; gives understanding of the Word (John 14:26).
- ☑ Refreshes and gives rest to the weary (Isaiah 28:12).
- ☑ Gives power for witnessing (Acts 1:8).
- ☑ Provides a promise that we will be resurrected (Romans 8:11).
- ✓ Helps us intercede (Romans 8:26).
- ☑ Christ puts seal of ownership on us (Romans 8:9).
- ☑ Will raise up a standard against our enemies (Isaiah 59:19).

God made a promise and He keeps His promises. (Romans 4:21; Numbers 23:19) The baptism of the Holy Spirit is for "whosoever" (Acts 2:21).

Peter claimed the promise of the Holy Ghost was for:

"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" (Acts 2:39).

"Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" (Acts 19:2). The literal translation of this question is, "Having believed, did you receive the Holy Spirit?"



HOW DO YOU MEASURE UP?

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is promised to you.

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| Is this what the Bible teaches? | | | |
| Is this what you believe? | | | |
| Is this what your church teaches? | | | |

| | Study Questions |
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| 1. | What is the initial (first) evidence of receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost? |
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| 2. that is | Given the following Scripture references, what is the benefit of having the Holy Ghost mentioned in each? 1) Isaiah 59:19 |
| | 2) John 14:26 |
| | 3) Romans 8:9 |
| | 4) Acts 1:8 |
| | 5) Romans 8:26 |
| | 6) Isaiah 28:12 |
| | 7) Romans 8:11 |
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| | Additional Notes |
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