

PART 2 THE GOSPEL

What Is Believing

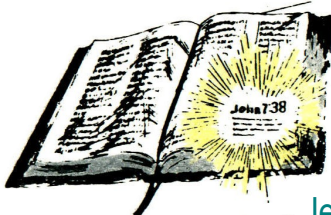
John 3:1-21 ¹There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: ²The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. ³Jesus answered and said unto him, **Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.** ⁴Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? ⁵Jesus 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.** ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. ⁸The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. ⁹Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be? ¹⁰Jesus answered and said unto him, **Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?** ¹¹Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. ¹²If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? ¹³And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: ¹⁵That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. ¹⁷For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. ¹⁸He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. ²¹But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.



The Lord told Nicodemus that everyone who wanted to see or enter the kingdom of God must be born again of _____ and the _____. Some teach this water is a natural birth and others teach it means water baptism, but the scriptures will teach us which is correct as we go on. Jesus also told Nicodemus that whosoever _____ in Him shall have eternal life. Jesus mentioned two seemingly different requirements for salvation, one is being born again, the other is believing. Yet, this is not a contradiction. (If we believe on Jesus we can be saved. But the question is, "What is believing" according to the Word of God? The next scripture explains how believing is related to experiencing the birth of the Spirit. He that doeth _____ won't come to the light or his _____ should be reproved.



John 7:38-39 ³⁸He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. 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.)



Here, we discover that if we believe on Him we will receive His _____. We find scriptural belief is more than just a change in the way we think. It also results in a scriptural experience. When we believe in him as the scripture hath said, then we will receive the _____. This Spirit will not be given until after Jesus dies and is glorified. This is why no one received it until the Day of Pentecost.



Romans 10:8-18 ⁸But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; ⁹That if thou shalt confess the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. ¹¹For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.



Romans 10:8-18 continued ¹²For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. ¹³For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. ¹⁴How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? ¹⁷So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. ¹⁸But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.



Paul quotes a portion of scripture out of the Old Testament pertaining to the “word, heart, and mouth”; then he says that is speaking of the word of faith which we (the apostles) preach. Verses 10-11: He explains that you believe with your _____ and confess with your _____. You can’t call or believe on the Lord until you hear the Gospel preached by a man sent of God. So then _____ cometh by hearing, and _____ by the _____ of God. Remember Paul started off in verse 8 by saying he was speaking of the word of faith which we (the apostles) preach.

Romans 1:16 ¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

The gospel is the _____ of God unto _____ to everyone that believes it. Believes what? The Gospel.

John 17:20 ²⁰Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

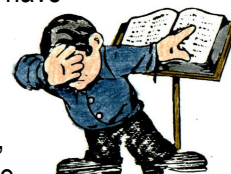
Jesus prayed for those that would _____ on Him by the words of the apostles. Jesus is showing that the way you believe on “Him” is by believing what the apostles preached.



Mark 1:15 ¹⁵And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Believe what? Believe the _____. Not just believe Jesus existed.

2 Cor. 4:1-5 ¹Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; ²But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God. ³But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: ⁴In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. ⁵For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus’ sake.



If the _____ be hid to you, you are lost. What gospel? The one the apostles preached, because Paul said “our gospel”. The god of this world blinded the mind of them which _____. Believed not what? The gospel!

Ephesians 1:13 ¹³In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

The church at Ephesus was saved after they had _____ the word of truth, the _____ and had believed it.



1 Thes. 2:9-16 ⁹For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God. ¹⁰Ye are witnesses, and God *also*, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe: ¹¹As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father *doth* his children, ¹²That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory. ¹³For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received *it* not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe. ¹⁴For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they *have* of the Jews: ¹⁵Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men: ¹⁶Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.

We must preach the gospel so we won't be chargeable unto men. Verse 13 They _____ and _____ the Word of God. Verse 16 They forbade Paul to speak to the gentiles so they could be saved. Why? Because they had to hear the gospel the apostles preached in order to be saved.

2 Thes. 1:7-10 ⁷And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, ⁸In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: ⁹Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; ¹⁰When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

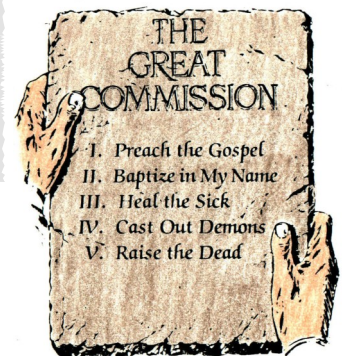


The Lord will appear from heaven in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that don't _____ the gospel. Paul said, "Because _____ testimony among you was believed, let's us know he was speaking of the gospel the apostles preached."

What Is The Gospel?

Matthew 28:18-20 ¹⁸And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, *All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.* ¹⁹*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:* ²⁰*Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.* Amen.

Teach all nations, baptizing them in the _____ of... (notice he said name singular and not plural). Father, Son and Holy Ghost are not names they are "titles" or offices of God but not separate persons of God. A man could say, "I'm a father, son, and a husband but "I'm not three people that isn't my name.



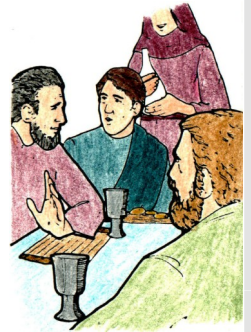
Mark 16:15-20 ¹⁵And he said unto them, *Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.* ¹⁶*He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.* ¹⁷*And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;* ¹⁸*They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.* ¹⁹So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. ²⁰And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with *them*, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

He that _____ and is baptized shall be saved. NOT he that believeth and is saved should be baptized. Signs are to follow the believer, not the believer follow the signs. In verse 19 the "Right hand of God" refers to being in a place of acceptance and authority with God just as the left hand refers to a place of rejection with God (goats on the left, sheep on the right) rather than a geographical location.

Luke 24:44-53 ⁴⁴And he said unto them, *These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.* ⁴⁵Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶And said unto them, *Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:* ⁴⁷*And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.* ⁴⁸*And ye are witnesses of these things.* 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.* ⁵⁰And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. ⁵¹And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: ⁵³And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

Then opened he their _____, that they might understand the scriptures. Remission of sins should be preached in _____ among all nations...beginning at Jerusalem. We will have to go to the book of Acts to see how it was preached. Jesus spent 40 days with the apostles teaching them the meaning of the scriptures and explaining what they should preach.

Acts 1:1-8, 15 ¹The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, ²Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: ³To whom also he showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: ⁴And, being assembled together with *them*, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but *wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.* ⁵*For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.* ⁶When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? ⁷And he said unto them, *It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.* ⁸*But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.* ¹⁵And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty.)



In verses 1-4 “The former treatise” refers to the book of Luke. Luke wrote both the book of Acts and the book of Luke. Jesus spent _____ giving commandments to His apostles whom He had chosen. Verses 5-8 says: you shall be baptized with the _____ before too many days. They will receive power after the _____ is come upon them. In verse 15 Tells the number of people waiting for the promise of the Holy Ghost. How many?

Acts 1:13-14 ¹³And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James *the son* of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas *the brother* of James. ¹⁴These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.



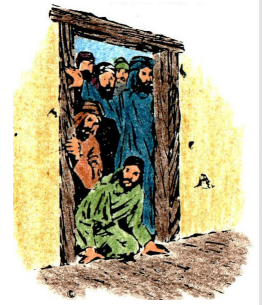
The names of the twelve apostles are listed here as part of the hundred and twenty. Also listed among them in verse 14 you will see a women's name, who is she? _____ She had to have the Holy Ghost too. That's why we shouldn't pray to her because she is just a human being even though she was the mother of Jesus.

Acts 2:1-21 ¹And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ²And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. ³And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. ⁶Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were all amazed and



marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? ⁸And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? ⁹Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God. ¹²And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?

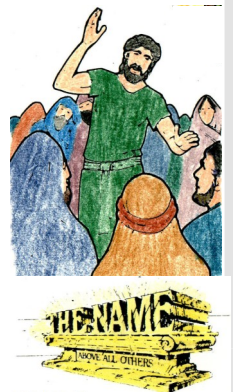
¹³Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine. ¹⁴But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: ¹⁵For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is *but* the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; ¹⁷And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: ¹⁸And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: ¹⁹And I will show wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: ²⁰The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come: ²¹And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.



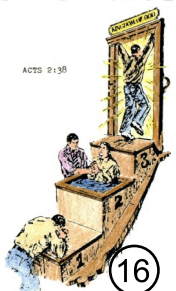
All received the Holy Ghost and spoke in _____ as the Spirit gave them utterance.

They heard them in their own _____ wherein they were born. In other words, God made sure someone in the 120 was speaking in the language of each of the 16 different countries represented there. Verses 9-10: More than just the 12 received the Holy Ghost because they were speaking about 16 or more different languages. Verse 13: The people were reacting to the Spirit in such a way that many mocked and thought they were _____. Verse 14: Peter stood up and began to tell them (probably in the Greek language which was common to all), "This is that spoken by the prophet _____" and explained that this is the Spirit of God being poured out. Verses 17 – 21 are a quotation of Joel's prophecy. According to what Paul wrote in Romans 10:14-16 we read, they can't call on the Lord until they hear the gospel preached by a man sent of God, so notice that Peter starts preaching to them about Jesus. We'll pick up his message in Verse 36.

Acts 2:36-42 ³⁶Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. ³⁷Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do? ³⁸Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. ³⁹For 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. ⁴⁰And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. ⁴¹Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls. ⁴²And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.



When asked "what shall we ____?" the answer Peter gave in verses 38-39 is what we've been waiting to hear this whole Bible Study. Repent (1) and be baptized (2) every one of you in the _____ of Jesus Christ for the _____ of sins (remember Luke 24:47...remission of sins should be preached in his name...) and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost (3). Was there a birth of water and Spirit involved? Yes! This promise is to _____ that are afar off, **even as many** as the Lord our God shall call. Why? Because we **must be born of Spirit**. Baptism is called a birth of water because it removes the record of sin from a person's life; so they are "born again". Three things he said **we must do** to be saved. (1) Repent (2) Be baptized (3) Receive the Holy Ghost



1 Peter 3:20-21 ²⁰Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. ²¹The like figure whereunto *even* baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:



Baptism in water _____ us just like the water saved Noah's family. It doesn't literally remove sin, but it removes it from God's record book and your conscience.

Acts 22:16 ¹⁶And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

This tells us of the conversion of Paul, "be baptized and wash away thy sins calling on the _____ of the Lord." (Paul was saved by the same thing Peter preached.)

Acts 9:5, 17-18 ⁵And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: *it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks*. ¹⁷And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, *even* Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. ¹⁸And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.



This further tells us about the conversion of Paul. In verse 5 the Lord himself said his name was _____. Where was the name given to men in the plan of salvation? In baptism! As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. It is the only name that will save us and remember, Peter said "baptism does now save us."

Colossians 3:17 ¹⁷And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

Do all in the name of the Lord _____. This includes baptism.

Col. 2:8-12 ⁸Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. ⁹For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. ¹⁰And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: ¹¹In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: ¹²Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with *him* through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.



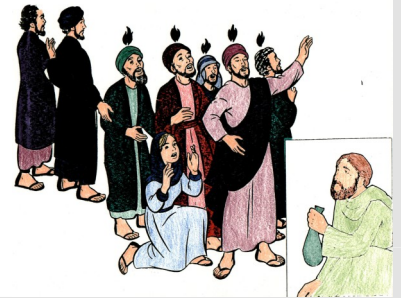
Beware of philosophy and _____ of men. "Ye are complete in _____" (not them), "which is the head of all principality and power". In verse 11: The New Testament church is "circumcised with the circumcision made without hands" (spiritual circumcision not physical, which the Old Testament physical was a type and shadow of), that involved "putting off the body of the sins of flesh" (not the literal cutting away of flesh itself). The Old testament covenant of circumcision that God made with Abraham, which was an everlasting covenant, that we must become a part of, in order to be saved. Salvation is of the Jews and we must get "grafted in" according to scripture or we can't be saved.



Verse 12: Our circumcision is being baptized in the name of Jesus to remove the sins of the flesh. Israel (type of church) coming out of Egypt (type of sin) through the Red Sea (type of baptism) and drowning all of Pharaoh's army (type of sin) and washing them away, because sin can go no further than the water. It is washed away in water in the name of Jesus.



Acts 8:5-24 ⁵Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. ⁶And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. ⁷For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed *with them*: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. ⁸And there was great joy in that city. ⁹But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one: ¹⁰To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God. ¹¹And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries. ¹²But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. ¹³Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done. ¹⁴Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: ¹⁵Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: ¹⁶(For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) ¹⁷Then laid they *their* hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost. ¹⁸And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, ¹⁹Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost. ²⁰But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. ²¹Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. ²²Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. ²³For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and *in* the bond of iniquity. ²⁴Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.



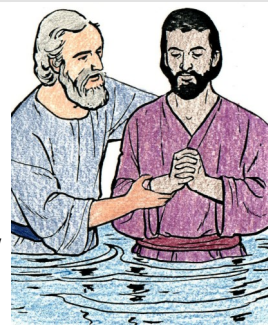
People were _____, received joy, and had demons cast out, but the question is, “Did they have the Holy Ghost yet?” Many people say, “I know I have the Holy Ghost because I got joy when I got it.” If joy is a definite sign that a person has the Holy Ghost, then they would have it. The same would apply to the other two signs, but let’s read on and see if they had it. Verse 12 they _____ and were _____. Some teach “the moment you believe, the Holy Ghost automatically comes in” while others teach “the moment you are baptized, the Holy Ghost automatically comes in”. If either of these teachings are true, then they would have the Holy Ghost at that point. Verses 13-17 they had been baptized in the name of Jesus Christ but they still didn’t have the _____ until Peter and John came over and prayed for them. This proves the Holy Ghost is a separate experience from believing and baptism. It didn’t say they spoke in tongues as on the day of Pentecost, but it does say Simon offered them _____ for that power, so there must have been something outward and miraculous that happened.

In The book of Acts the 8th chapter tell us about Philip and the Ethiopia eunuch. A short summery is as follows... An angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go unto Gaza, which is desert. And he arose and went: and, met a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, and had come to Jerusalem to worship. He was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet. Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. And Philip ran thither to *him*, and said,



Understandest thou what thou readest? ³¹And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him. ³²The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth: And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man? Lets read the scriptures ...

Acts 8:35-40 ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. ³⁶And as they went on *their* way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, *here is* water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? ³⁷And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.

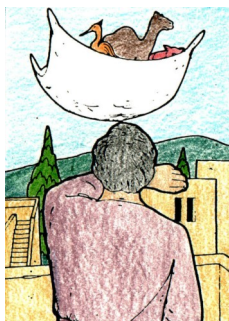


Scriptures do not say what Phillip preached, but he must have preached baptism or the eunuch wouldn't have asked to be _____. Phillip had to make sure the eunuch believed in Jesus or there would have been no need to baptize him in the name of someone he didn't even _____ in. *Believing is the foundation that the gospel (birth of water and Spirit) sits upon.* Because if you don't believe in Him, why would you want His Spirit?

Acts 10:1-6, 33. 43-48 ¹There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian *band*, ²A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway. ³He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius. ⁴And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God. ⁵And now send men to Joppa, and call for *one* Simon, whose surname is Peter: ⁶He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.



Cornelius was a _____ man, feared God, prayed always; but was he saved (born of water and Spirit)? He prayed an _____ down and he told Cornelius to go get Peter and he would tell him "what thou oughtest to _____". Goodness will not save a person, even a good man like Cornelius... he **must** be born again. Why didn't the angel tell him? Because the Bible says you must hear it from a man sent from God. Then God gives Peter a vision of unclean beast in a sheet coming out of heaven... next he goes to Cornelius house and verse 33 says...



³³Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.

Peter preaches to Cornelius and his house and they say WE want to hear all the things _____ you _____. Now lets see how Peter tells them to get baptized in verse 43...

⁴³To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. ⁴⁴While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. ⁴⁵And 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. ⁴⁶For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, ⁴⁷Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

Verse 43: We can receive remission of sins through his _____. (They preached this by baptism, which proves the power of the name.) Verses 44-47: The Jews knew they received the Holy Ghost "for they _____ them _____ with _____". (This must be the sound Jesus said you would hear when anyone receives the Spirit he said in John 3:8. In verse 48 He "_____ them to be baptized in the name of the Lord".

Our next scripture is about the Jailer... Paul and Silas are in jail, here is the setting... they are praying to God at midnight and an earthquake comes, the jail falls down and under the Roman law if a prisoner escapes, they kill the man that is over the prison. So he comes in and is going to kill himself and Paul

sees it and says don't do yourself any harm, we are all here and he called for a light. He come in and fell down before Paul and Silas. Now here is a total heathen, he doesn't know anything about Jesus. Lets see what they said to him in verse 30...

Acts 16:30-34 ³⁰And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? ³¹And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. ³²And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. ³³And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed *their* stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. ³⁴And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.



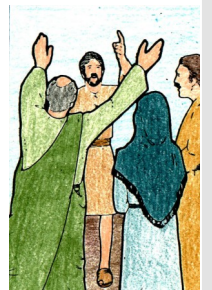
The Jailer asks Paul and Silas _____ he must do to be saved.

The Jailer knows nothing about Jesus, so the first thing he has to do is believe on Jesus. They told him to believe in Jesus and "thou _____ saved". (Notice he said "shalt be" not that "you are automatically saved" at that moment without anything else being done.) Remember that Paul wrote in Romans, that what you have to believe is the gospel "*preached*" by a man of God. In verse 32, He _____ unto him the word of the Lord or "*preached*" unto him. In verse 33 He _____ them "the same hour of the night". If baptism was not essential, why would they risk having to evade the Roman army in the middle of the night just to find water in which to baptize them?

Acts 18:24-28 ²⁴And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, *and* mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus. ²⁵This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John. ²⁶And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto *them*, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly. ²⁷And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed through grace: ²⁸For he mightily convinced the Jews, *and that* publicly, showing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ.

Apollos knew only the baptism of _____, but he accepted the rest of the truth when it was presented. The Bible does not give a detailed account of what happened here, but it does go into detail in the next scripture, which involves the same situation.

Acts 19:1-6 ¹And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, ²He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. ³And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. ⁴Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. ⁵When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶And when Paul had laid *his* hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.



They had believed on the Lord and had been baptized in water. Paul asked them if they had received the Holy Ghost since they _____; so he definitely believed that receiving the Spirit and believing were two separate experiences. When they said they had never heard of it, he questioned them concerning their water baptism. John just preached repentance and believing (which is what most denominations preach today). Paul re-baptized them in the name of _____ and they received the Holy Ghost and _____ with _____ (birth of water and Spirit).

It is very evident that the gospel *all* the apostles preached was: #1) **repentance**, #2) **baptism in the name of Jesus Christ**, and #3) the **infilling of the Holy Ghost**.



Now lets talk about the prophecy of Joel...

Joel 2:23 ²³Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first *month*.

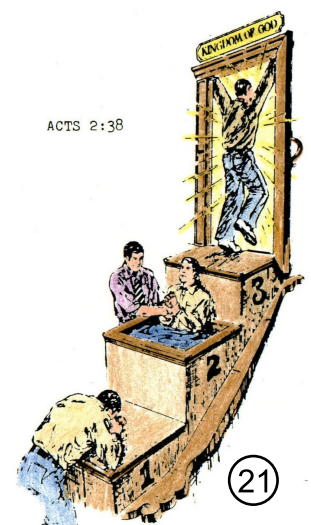
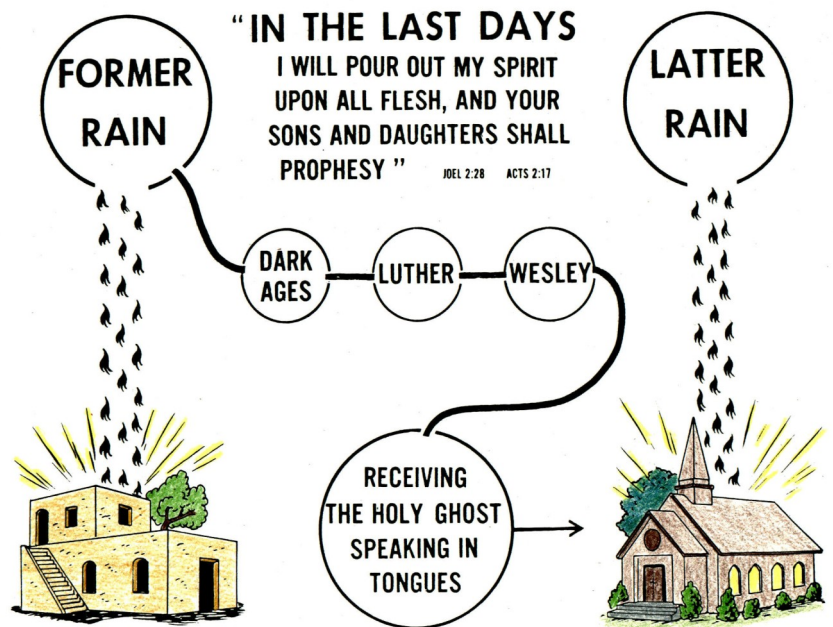
Joel 2:28 – 29 ²⁸And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: ²⁹And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

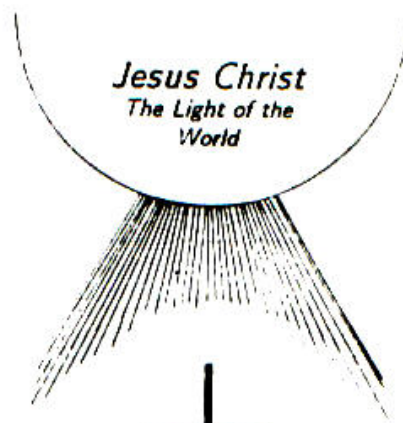
It is said that by the year 313 AD half the world was Christian. This was the “**Former Rain**” of the Holy Ghost during the time of the apostles. But rituals of the Law began creeping in, creeds of men were brought in, against which Paul had warned in Col. 2:8 (false doctrine). In 325 AD at the council at Nicea church leaders (**Catholic**) did away with baptism in the name of Jesus Christ and the truth of the

Oneness of the Godhead, and in its stead made the Godhead a trinity and the formula for baptism triune – “Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. The council threw the Church into what we call the “Dark Ages” for twelve hundred years. False doctrine was being added at every opportune time. The Reformation began the journey back to Pentecost. Now, little by little, step by step, God was leading the Church back to the same experience they received on the day of Pentecost. Isaiah’s prophecy was again being fulfilled, **Isaiah 28:10** ¹⁰For precept *must be* upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:

In 1517 Martin Luther (**Lutheran**) began this restoration when they came out and said you need to be living by faith instead of works. Then along came John Smith (**Baptist**) with the fact that you need to be baptized by immersion instead of sprinkling and they restored more truth back to the church. Then came John Wesley (**Methodist**) saying that you need to live a holy godly life separated from the world and they restored this back into the church. The 19th century was a time of much Christian activity. A little group of Bible students and their teacher in a small Bible school at Topeka, Kansas read in the book of Acts how God poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost on the day of **Pentecost**. They believed God would give them a similar experience and began to fast and pray. This continued for twenty-one days until the last evening of 1899. They met for a New Year’s tarrying service. On the first day of the new year one of the young women began to speak with tongues as evidence that God had given her the baptism of the Holy Ghost. It began to spread through the other students. The “**Latter Rain**” begins. Then the revival broke out in Galena, Kansas, then to Joplin, Missouri, and on to Houston, Texas. A group of people in Los Angeles, California began to hear the reports of God pouring out the gift of the Holy Ghost. They gathered to pray and invited W.J. Seymour, a humble colored preacher from Houston, Texas, who himself had not yet received the gift of the Holy Ghost, to come to Los Angeles. There he told the people what God was doing, but church doors were closed against him. He and a group of white and colored saints met in cottage prayer meetings, and on April 9, 1906, God poured out the Holy Ghost in a marvelous way. One after another spoke in tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. The saints then met in an old livery stable at 312 Azusa Street and *scores* of people received the Holy Ghost as in the days of the apostles, in the old whitewashed wooden building. News of this great revival began to spread around the world. People from the British Isles, Scandinavian countries, Sweden, central Europe, and around the world came to America to investigate this new experience. Then more light began to be shed on the scriptures. A few began to see that baptism should be in the name of Jesus Christ. And then the final restoration came in 1915 when they realized that you need to be baptized by immersion in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and the truth of “one God” was restored back to the church.

So now in the World today is a church that baptizes in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and receives the baptism of the Holy Ghost evidenced by speaking in other tongues which is exactly what the apostles preached. And this is a restored church that’s in the world today. If you desire to go to a restored church that preaches the same as the apostles, you will find that the United Pentecostal Church preaches this same message, along with the other teachings of the apostles. #1 Repentance #2 Baptism in Jesus name #3 Holy Ghost speaking in other tongues as the apostle Peter preached in Acts 2:38. You are welcome to come and get “born again” the way the apostles taught as you now know “the truth” for yourself.





The Second Coming of Christ???

Death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus

*Oneness of God and
Jesus Name baptism restored*

1913

Azusa Street revival

1906

*Outpouring of the Spirit
(with tongues in Topeka)*

1901

*Holiness and
Evangelism restored*

1890

*John Wesley
(Personal experience
with God restored)*

1738

*King James
(English Bible published)*

1611

*Anabaptists
(Immersion restored)*

1525

*Martin Luther
(Faith restored)*

1517

30

*Birth of the Church
(outpouring of Spirit and message of Pentecost)*

90

Last Apostle dies

133

*Justin Martyr
(division of Father's and Son's Deity)*

156

*Montanist Movement
(Deity of Son and
Holy Ghost divided)*

185

*Origen
(School of Alexandria)*

312

*Constantine's
conversion*

325

*Council of Nicea
(Godhead officially divided)*

381

*Council of Constantinople
(Holy Spirit added to Trinity
Godhead)*

400

*Augustine
(Catholic Church dominates)*

The Dark Ages

Circle of Time for the New Testament Church

Lets look at the difference in the gift of tongues (in Corinthians) and receiving the Holy Ghost speaking in tongues (in Acts).

1 Corinthians 12:1 ¹Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.

Proves that he is talking of the gifts of the Spirit to the church and he continues through chapter 14.

1 Corinthians 14:19 ¹⁹Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that *by my voice* I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an *unknown* tongue.

1 Corinthians 14:23 ²³If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in *those that are* unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad?

Proves He is peaking of a time when the whole church comes together in one place; and, if the gift of tongues is in operation, it should be done for the edifying of the body.

1 Corinthians 14:27 – 32 ²⁷If any man speak in an *unknown* tongue, *let it be* by two, or at the most *by three*, and *that by* course; and let one interpret. ²⁸But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God. ²⁹Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge. ³⁰If *any thing* be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace. ³¹For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted. ³²And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

Proves the difference in the two operations of tongues, especially verse 27, because he said let it be done by two, or the most three, and that by course and let another interpret. (It never happened that way in the book of Acts; 12 at one time in Acts 19, all of Cornelius' household, 120 on the day of Pentecost, etc.).

1 Corinthians 13:8-12 ⁸Charity never faileth: but whether *there be* prophecies, they shall fail; whether *there be* tongues, they shall cease; whether *there be* knowledge, it shall vanish away. ⁹For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. ¹⁰But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. ¹¹When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. ¹²For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

Many tech "that which is perfect" refers to the writing of the New Testament and say tongues ceased with that. But verse 12 proves it is speaking of Jesus because when "that which is perfect" comes, we'll see him "face to face" not "face to book". When Jesus comes, tongues and knowledge will cease because it won't be needed any longer.

1 Corinthians 12:30 ³⁰Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?

"Do all speak with tongues?" Once again, this is speaking of the gift of tongues and everyone does not have the gift of tongue's and everyone does not have the gift of tongues in the church, but all speak with tongues when born of the Spirit.

