

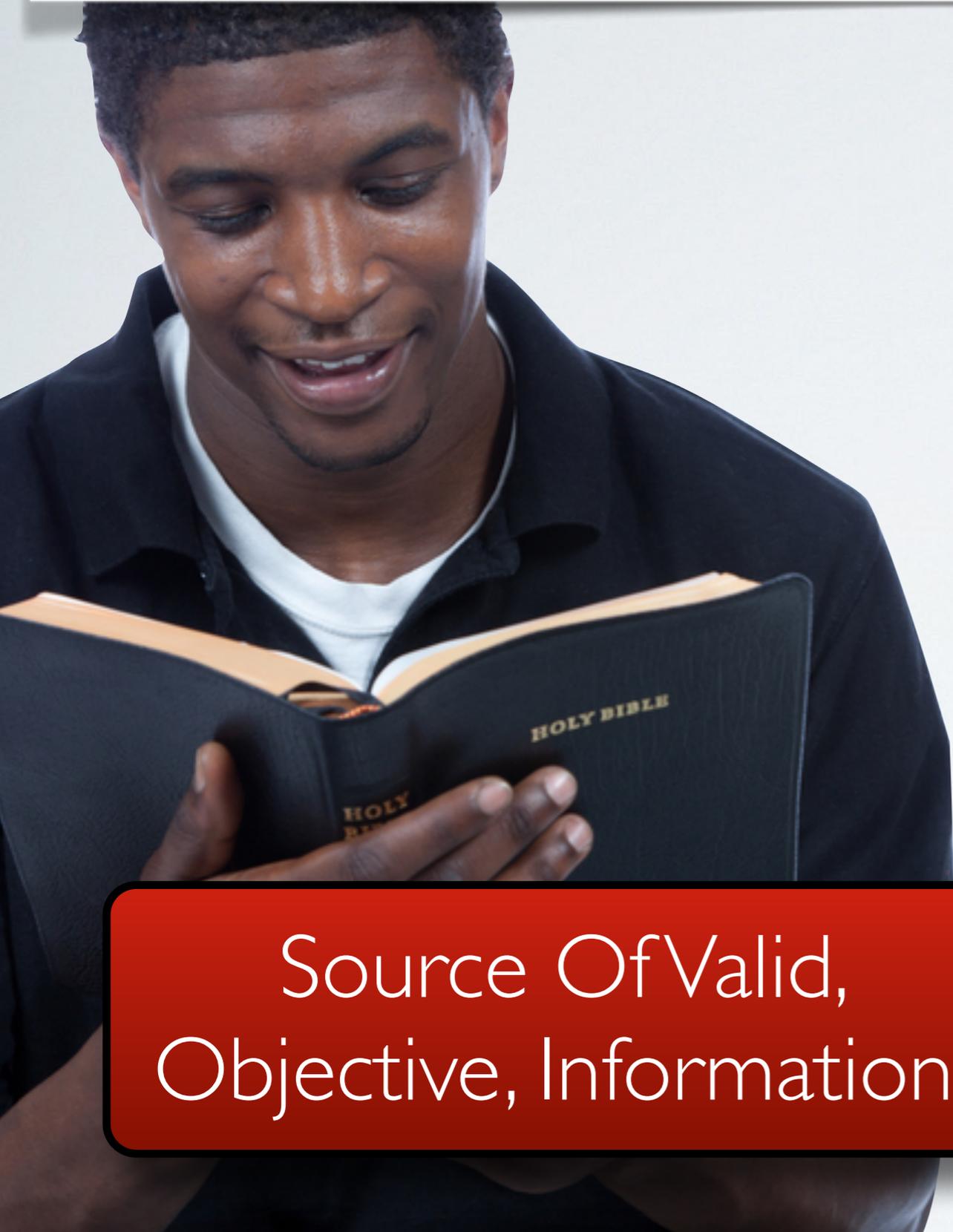
THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE HOLY SPIRIT & HIS WORK

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■ Inspired Source

- ▶ i.e. the scriptures -
(Cf. John 14:26; 15:26;
16:12-13; Romans 8:2;
2 Timothy 3:16; 2
Peter 1:3; Jude 3)
- ▶ ONLY Reliable Source
- ▶ The Holy Spirit Has
Revealed ALL The
Truth About Himself
That We Can Know!

Source Of Valid,
Objective, Information!

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■ **WE MUST EXAMINE WHAT THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS SAID ABOUT HIMSELF**

■ **Many Misunderstand the working of the Holy Spirit**

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Material Universe

IN CREATION

The Church

Planned

Jer. 51:15

The Father

Planned

Ep. 3:9-11

Executed

Jn 1:1,2; Ep. 3:9; Heb.
1:1,2

The Son

Executed

Mat. 16:18; John
4:34; Acts 2:47

Organized

Gen. 1:1,2; Job 26:13;
Ps. 104:30

**MIRACULOUS
BEGINNING**

**The Holy
Spirit**

Organized

Jn 16:13; Ac 2; 1 Co
12-14; 2Ti 3:16

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IN CONFIRMATION

THE MIRACULOUS POWER OF GOD - NOT COMMON OCCURRENCES

Miraculous Manifestations At Certain Points In History!

Creation,
Beginning



Moses,
Delivered



Prophets,
Instructed



Jesus,
Messiah



Apostles,
Early church



BEGINNING of each dispensation — sustained by established Laws.
To ENSURE the validity of revelation & fulfillment of God's purpose

HOLY SPIRIT FALLS UPON GENTILES - ACTS 10

Acts 2 - Apostles Baptized in the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:38 - 3,000 baptized in water

Acts 4:4 - 5,000 baptized in water

Acts 6:6-8 - Apostles lay hands on Stephen & Philip
Stephen performs miracles

Acts 8:1-25 - Samaritans baptized in water Philip
performs miracles Apostles lay hands on
Samaritans

Acts 8:26-40 - Ethiopian eunuch baptized in water
- No miracles worked

Acts 9 (22:16) - Saul baptized in water

Acts 10:44-48 - Cornelius' Household Baptized with
Holy Spirit "As on us at the beginning" Acts 11:15



HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM

Administered by Jesus - (John 1:33; Matt.3:11; Acts 2:33)

Spirit is the element - (Acts 1:5)

Promised to a Few - (Lk.24:49; Acts 1:1-8).

Sign & empowered - (Ac 1:8; 2:32,33)

Manifested by tongues - (Acts 2:1-4; 10:44-46)

No physical action required - (Acts 2:1-4; 10:44-46)

No salvation in it - (Ac 10:44-46)

Purpose fulfilled - (Jn 16:13; Heb.2:4)

BAPTISM IN JESUS NAME

Administered by man (Matthew 28:19; Acts 8:38)

Water is the element (Acts 8:38; 10:47)

Commanded of all (Mk 16:15-16)

To remit sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16)

Manifested by burial, no tongues (Acts 8:14-18)

Confession and burial required (Acts 8:36-39; Romans 6:3,4)

Saves from sin (Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21)

Purpose continues (1 Peter 3:21)

Acts 2:36–43 (NKJV)

³⁶ “Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.” ³⁷ Now when they heard *this*, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?” ³⁸ 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. ³⁹ 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.”

Acts 2:36–43 (NKJV)

⁴⁰ And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.” ⁴¹ Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added *to them*.

⁴² And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. ⁴³ Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

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Different Views ...

- ▶ "Refers to the personal indwelling of the Holy Spirit" - The Spirit Himself is the gift.
- ▶ "Refers to miraculous gifts" - this view is divided into two main groups - 1) it applies to all, 2) it was temporary and only applied to the first century.
- ▶ "Refers to the gift of salvation" which those who repent & are baptized will receive.

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Different Views ...

- ▶ The Bible does teach that the Holy Spirit indwells the believer - (we will study this in our next lesson). - Rom 8:11 ...
- ▶ The Bible does teach the Holy Spirit gave miraculous gifts, (which have have already studied) - 1 Cor 12:11 ...
- ▶ The Bible also teaches that the Holy Spirit is involved in our salvation - John 3:3-5; Titus 3:5...

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Different Views ...

- ▶ The immediate context speaks of two things given by the Holy Spirit - miraculous gift of tongues and also salvation.
- ▶ The miraculous gifts confirmed and pointed to the reality and accessibility of salvation, so I believe that the gift of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2:38 is a reference to the salvation being provided by the Spirit in Christ.

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Acts 10:45–46 (NKJV)
⁴⁵ And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. ⁴⁶ For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.

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Acts 11:14–17 (NKJV)

14 who will tell you words by which you and all your household will be saved.' 15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the beginning. 17 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?"

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CONTEXT DETERMINES GIFT

Acts 2:38

- The promise to which the signs pointed – (21)
- Received AFTER they repented & were baptized in the name of Jesus

**Gal. 3:14;
19,26-29**

That
Which
the
Holy
Spirit
Gives

Acts 10:44; 11:17

- A specific gift -
“Speaking in tongues”
received in the same
manner as apostles at
the beginning.
- A unique & non-
repeatable event
- Proving that God would
save the Gentiles . . .

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Acts 8:12-17

- Samaritans had been baptized into Christ - thus SAVED. (8:12,16)
- Peter & John laid hands on them and they received the "Holy Spirit" (8:17)
- Confirming God had saved the Samaritans . . .

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The Immediate Context

- ▶ The Holy Spirit had fallen upon the apostles to confirm them as God's spokesmen, thereby confirming the words spoken.
- ▶ What was the main focus of all Peter said on this occasion? (vs. 21 "whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved")
- ▶ The signs confirmed the substance – But the signs were NOT the substance themselves!

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The Immediate Context

- ▶ Peter is answering the question “what shall we do” and his reference is back to what he said in verse 21. He is telling them how to call upon the name of the Lord.
- ▶ “SHALL BE SAVED” - This is the GIFT - the SUBSTANCE to which all the signs pointed - which God promises to ALL who call! Acts 2:21, 36, 47

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■ The Immediate Context

Joel 2:28-32 (NKJV)

³² And it shall come to pass *That* whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, As the Lord has said, Among the remnant whom the Lord calls.

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■ The Immediate Context

- ▶ Reception of gift is conditional
- ▶ The “GIFT” is that to which the signs pointed – not the signs themselves!

Conditions:

Repent
Baptized in the
name of Jesus
Christ — Acts 2:21;
22:16; Titus 3:5

Promise:

Remission of sins
The gift given by
Holy Spirit –
Acts 2:21;
Titus 3:5

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Acts 3:19–21 (NKJV)

¹⁹ Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, ²⁰ and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, ²¹ whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.

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Acts 26:16–18 (NKJV)

¹⁶ ... to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you. ¹⁷ I will deliver you from the *Jewish* people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, ¹⁸ to open their eyes, *in order* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.’

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Galatians 3:13–14 (NKJV)

¹³ Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “*Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree*”), ¹⁴ that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith

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1 Peter 1:3-23

Galatians 3:26–29 (NKJV)

²⁶ For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you *are* Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

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John 3:5–6 (NKJV)

⁵ Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

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Titus 3:5–7 (NKJV)

⁵ not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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What was promised to ALL?

- ▶ “Whosoever shall call . . . shall be saved” (Acts 2:21).
- ▶ “Repent and be baptized everyone of you . . . for the remission of sins” (Acts 2:38).
- ▶ “Save yourselves from this untoward generation” (Acts 2:40).
- ▶ “In every nation he that feareth . . . is accepted” (Acts 10:35).
- ▶ “Whosoever believeth in him shall have remission of sins (Acts 10:43).

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SALVATION promised to ALL

- ▶ Salvation was prophesied by the Holy Spirit
- ▶ Salvation was announced by those who preached the gospel by the Holy Spirit
- ▶ Their message of salvation was validated by the Holy Spirit
- ▶ The promise is to all who repent and are baptized
- ▶ Those who comply with Acts 2:38 receives “the gift of” the Holy Spirit - regenerated / renewed / born.



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Joel 2:28–32 (NKJV)

²⁸ “And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. ²⁹ And also on *My* menservants and on *My* maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. ³⁰ “And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke. ³¹ The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord. ³² And it shall come to pass *That* whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, As the Lord has said, Among the remnant whom the Lord calls.