

Search for Truth
Lesson Eight

A. The Holy Ghost - Prophecies Fulfilled

In this lesson we are going to be speaking on **the precious gift** of the Holy Ghost, the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Christ, the Comforter. **This first portion** of this lesson of five parts on the Holy Ghost is going to be showing the Old Testament prophecies concerning the Holy Ghost and how **these prophecies were fulfilled** in the New Testament Covenant.

In the transition of the Old Testament Covenant to the New Testament Covenant Jesus speaks of **the Comforter**, which is the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth that **will dwell inside of us.....**

John 14:16-18

16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another **Comforter**, that he may abide with you for ever;

17 **Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.**

18 **I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.**

We are told by the Apostle Paul that if we do not have this Spirit of Christ, the Spirit of God, which is the Holy Spirit, that we are none of His.

Romans 8:9

9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, **if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.**

So you can see that it is of the utmost importance that you have the Holy Ghost dwelling inside of you!!

Let us move into the Old Testament prophecies concerning the coming of the Holy Ghost.

Isaiah 28:9-12

9 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.

10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:

11 **For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.**

12 To whom he said, **This is the rest** wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and **this is the refreshing:** yet they would not hear.

Here in verses 11-12 **the Prophet Isaiah** has prophesied of the coming of the Holy Ghost.

Now listen to **the Prophet Jeremiah** as he prophesies of the New Covenant that will be established. **This Covenant is referring** to the New Testament Covenant that we are living under today.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that **I will make a new covenant** with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

32 **Not according to the covenant** that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; **which my covenant they brake**, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:

33 But **this shall be the covenant** that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, **I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts;** and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: **for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.**

The Prophet Joel also prophesies of the coming of the Holy Ghost.....

Joel 2:28-29

28 And 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:

29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days **will I pour out my spirit.**

Now that we understand from the Old Testament that **the prophets of old prophesied** of the gift of the Holy Ghost **that was to come**, we will continue our study into the New Testament and the fulfillment of these prophecies on the Day of Pentecost.

Here John the Baptist prophesies of the Holy Ghost that was soon to come.....

Luke 3:16

16 John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: **he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:**

A quick reminder: To partake of the New Testament Covenant, Jesus tells us in (Lk 13:3, 5) **I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.** And in (Mk 16:16) **He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.** And in (Jn 3:5) **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.**

So in **quick summary**, you must **repent** of your sins, **be baptized in Jesus name** for the remission of your sins, and **then receive the Holy Ghost** to fulfill the New Testament Covenant of salvation.

Jesus speaking to a woman of Samaria concerning the Holy Ghost that was soon to come.....

John 4:10-14

10 Jesus answered and said unto her, **If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.**

11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?

12 Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?

13 Jesus answered and said unto her, **Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:**

14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

Jesus speaking again of the Holy Ghost that was soon to come.....

John 7:37-39

37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, **If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.**

38 He 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 Jesus explains to His disciples of the Holy Ghost, or the Comforter, even the Spirit of Truth, that was soon to come.....

John 14:26; 15:26; 16:7

14:26 **But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost**, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

15:26 But when the **Comforter** is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, **even the Spirit of truth**, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, **the Comforter will not come** unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

Just prior to Jesus ascending into Heaven, He explains that after the receiving of the Holy Ghost, that they (and us) will receive power to become His witnesses to the uttermost part of the earth.....

Acts 1:3-8

3 To 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:

4 And, 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.**

6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

7 And 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.**

Just 7 days later the disciples of Christ were all gathered together.....

Acts 2:1-4

1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them **cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.**

4 And **they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.**

Do you see the prophecies of the Old Testament being fulfilled? Let's look and see.....

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The prophecy of Isaiah fulfilled!!

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29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days **will I pour out my spirit.**

Acts 2:14-18

14 But 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:

15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.

16 But **this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;**

17 And 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:

18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens **I will pour out in those days of my Spirit;** and they shall prophesy:

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32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:

33 But **this shall be the covenant** that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, **I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts;** and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: **for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.**

The Prophet Jeremiah is speaking of the New Covenant that was to be established. This Covenant is referring to the New Testament Covenant that we are living under today. That Covenant...

Hebrews 8:6-13

6 But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of **a better covenant**, which was **established upon better promises.**

7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.

8 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when **I will make a new covenant** with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:

9 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.

10 **For this is the covenant** that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; **I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts:** and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, **and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.**

13 **In that he saith, A new covenant,** he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.

The prophecy of Jeremiah of the New Covenant fulfilled!!

After the Holy Ghost was poured out and the Apostle Peter explained to all the people present **that this was the fulfilling of what the Prophet Joel had prophesied**, he went on to tell all the people that was present **how they could now partake of the New Testament Covenant** that was just fulfilled.

Acts 2:36-39

36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, **both Lord and Christ**.

37 Now 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?**

38 Then 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.**

39 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.

B. The Holy Ghost - Forbid not to Speak with Tongues

The initial sign of receiving the free gift of the Holy Ghost was the speaking with other tongues, as the Spirit gave the utterance, just as the Prophet Isaiah prophesied would be the case.

Remember: If you have not received the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking with other tongues, as the Spirit gives the utterance, **you have not received the free gift of the Holy Ghost**.

The Confusion:

1) Many people are under the belief that the Holy Ghost is automatically given to you at some point. Many believe the receiving of the Holy Ghost takes place after repenting and accepting Christ into their lives. **However, this is in direct contradiction to scripture.**

2) Some people believe that the speaking with other tongues, as the Spirit gives the utterance is only one of the nine gifts of the Holy Ghost and not everyone has this gift. So not all people that have the Holy Ghost will speak with other tongues. **The error in this belief** is not recognizing **that you must first receive the Gift of the Holy Ghost before** you can receive one of the nine gifts of the Holy Ghost.

To state this very plainly: The 9 gifts of the Holy Ghost **are not** the same as the initial receiving of the Holy Ghost. The 9 gifts of the Holy Ghost **are gifts of the gift**. **You must first have the gift** before you can receive **any of the other gifts** of the gift. Another words, the gift of divers kinds of tongues **is not** the same as the receiving of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking with other tongues, as the Spirit gives the utterance. **Divers kinds of tongues is one of the nine gifts of the gift of the Holy Ghost.**

The Holy Ghost **is not automatically given to you** because you have repented of your sins and have been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins. **The scriptures state this very plainly.**

The Samaritans receive the Holy Ghost.....

Acts 8:12-18

12 But 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.

13 Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.

14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had **received the word of God**, they sent unto them Peter and John:

15 Who, 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.)**

Here we see very clearly that these people had repented of their sins and were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of their sins, **and that none of them had received the free gift of the Holy Ghost.**

The Holy Ghost is not automatically given to you because you believe on the name of Jesus Christ. **Nor is it given** to you just because you repent of your sins. **Nor is it given** to you just because you have been baptized into Christ.

17 Then laid they their hands on them, and **they received the Holy Ghost.**

18 And **when Simon saw** that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,

Remember: The scriptures do not have to **redundantly state** over and over again, that when you receive the Holy Ghost that you will speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gives the utterance. We already saw that the Prophet Isaiah prophesied that the receiving of the free gift of the Holy Ghost **would come with stammering lips and another tongue** and we already saw that when the Holy Ghost was poured out upon the people on the day of Pentecost **they all began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.**

So even though it does not state here that the people spoke with other tongues, we already know from the Prophet Isaiah that this will take place when you receive the Holy Ghost and we know that when the first people received the Holy Ghost they spoke with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

You can then conclude that what Simon the sorcerer saw was that after the Apostle prayed for the people to receive the Holy Ghost, he saw them all begin to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave the utterance.

So what is the gift of divers kinds of tongues and the gift of the interpretation of tongues?
Let's first read this passage of scriptures.

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

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

The topic is the gifts of the Spirit. You have to have received the gift of the Holy Spirit (Holy Ghost) **before** you can have any of the spiritual gifts of the Holy Ghost.

2 Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led.

3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

Right here is very important to understand. You have to have received the free gift of the Holy Ghost to have the Spirit!!! **The diversities of gifts** come from that same Spirit, of which **you must have received prior** in order for you to receive **any** of the gifts of the Spirit!!

5 And there are differences of administrations, **but the same Lord.**

6 And there are diversities of operations, **but it is the same God** which worketh all in all.

7 But **the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.**

8 For to one is given **by the Spirit** the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by **the same Spirit;**

9 To another faith **by the same Spirit;** to another the gifts of healing **by the same Spirit;**

10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

11 **But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.**

The **gift of divers kinds of tongues** is used for the edifying of the Body of Christ. When this gift is in operation it is intended to be interpreted by the gift of the interpretation of tongues. **These 2 gifts have nothing to do with** a person receiving the Holy Ghost as evidenced with the speaking with other tongues, as the Spirit gives the utterance!

The Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians chapters 12-14 is identifying the gifts of the Spirit and giving instructions on how to properly use these 9 gifts of the Spirit. You can't have any of these gifts **if you don't have the Spirit.** And in order for you to receive this Spirit **you must seek the Lord** for this Spirit and when you receive this Spirit, **you will speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gives the utterance.** This is why the Apostle Paul stated in: 1 Corinthians 14:39
Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and **forbid not to speak with tongues.**

The only time the gift of interpretation of tongues is needed is when the gift of divers kinds of tongues is in use. **Not when someone receives the free gift of the Holy Ghost!!**

So how do you know the difference? This answer may be difficult when you first hear it, but

when someone begins to use the gift of divers kinds of tongues, the whole Body of Christ present, **knows it. Immediately the Spirit of God will quicken inside of you, and you will know to be quiet to listen to what God has for the Church.** Now if an interpreter is not present or if the person speaking in divers kinds of tongues **is unable** to interpret the message, **then they are to remain silent. For how is the Body of Christ edified** if the message intended for the Church **is left without an interpretation?**

But this has nothing to do with the receiving of the Holy Ghost!!! For the receiving of the Holy Ghost and the speaking with other tongues, as the Spirit gives the utterance is how one receives the gift of the Holy Ghost. Thus why the Apostle Paul said, **forbid not to speak with tongues!**

The Gentiles receive the Holy Ghost.....

Acts 10:44-48

44 While Peter yet spake these words, **the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.**
45 And 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.

How did they know????

46 **For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God.** Then answered Peter,

More evidence of the Holy Ghost not being automatic!!

Acts 19:1-6

1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,
2 He 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.
3 And he said unto them, **Unto what then were ye baptized?** And they said, Unto John's baptism.
4 Then 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.
5 When they heard this, **they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.**
6 **And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.**

Here we see that they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus and it was not until after the Apostle Paul laid hands upon them, that they received the free gift of the Holy Ghost. And again **the initial sign** of the receiving of the Holy Ghost **was the speaking with other tongues,** as the Spirit gave the utterance.

Even Jesus Christ tells us.....

Mark 16:17

17 And **these signs** shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; **they shall speak with new tongues;**

This is because when you receive the Holy Ghost, **you will speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gives the utterance.**

So is the Holy Ghost only a one time experience?

Acts 4:1-10; 21-24, 31

1 And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them,

2 **Being grieved** that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus **the resurrection from the dead.**

3 And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold unto the next day: for it was now eventide.

4 Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was **about five thousand.**

5 And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes,

6 And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.

7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?

8 Then Peter, **filled with the Holy Ghost**, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,

9 If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;

10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that **by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth**, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

As the counsel came to a close.....

21 So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, **because of the people:** for all men glorified God for that which was done.

22 For the man was above forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing was showed.

23 And being let go, **they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them.**

24 And when they heard that, **they lifted up their voice to God with one accord**, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is:

And then...

31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and **they were all filled with the Holy Ghost**, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

We can see clearly here that these believers, **which included the Apostle Peter and the Apostle John, who already had been filled with the Holy Ghost;** that after they came together and prayed that **they were all filled with the Holy Ghost.** So, since they already had the Holy Ghost, we know that they were **refilled with the Holy Ghost.**

The Apostle Paul shows us again that the Holy Ghost is not a one time experience.....

Titus 3:4-6

4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,
5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and **renewing of the Holy Ghost;**
6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

Finally, we also see in Jude....

Jude 1:20-21

20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, **praying in the Holy Ghost,**
21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

So it is very important to remember that after you receive the Holy Ghost, **that you continue to renew** this gift of God through prayer and your worship unto God.

C. The Holy Ghost - How to Receive the Free Gift

Luke 11:9-13

9 And I say unto you, **Ask,** and it shall be given you; **seek,** and ye shall find; **knock,** and it shall be opened unto you.
10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.
11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?
12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?
13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: **how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?**

The Bible teaches us that there are several things **one must do** to receive the free gift of the Holy Ghost. I would like to show you **what you need to do in order for you to receive this free gift of the Holy Ghost from God.**

1. You must **Desire** the Holy Ghost.
(This means you must want the Holy Ghost more than anything else in the world.)

Psalms 37:4-5

4 **Delight** thyself also in the LORD; and **he shall give thee** the desires of thine heart.

5 **Commit** thy way unto the LORD; **trust** also in him; and **he shall bring it to pass.**

2. You must **ask** God to fill you with the Holy Ghost.

(When you begin to pray or talk with the Lord, you want to let Him know that you desire to be filled with His Spirit which is the Holy Ghost.)

Luke 11:9-10

9 And I say unto you, **Ask**, and it shall be given you; **seek**, and ye shall find; **knock**, and it shall be opened unto you.

10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

3. You must **believe** that God will fill you with the Holy Ghost.

(After you ask Him for the Holy Ghost you must believe that He will fill you with His Spirit. Begin to thank Him and to give Him praise.)

James 1:6-7

6 But let him **ask in faith, nothing wavering.** For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

4. Be sure you **have forgiven everyone** of their sins against you.

(If anyone has done something to you that has hurt your feelings or caused you to be upset, remember that you must forgive them for what they have done.)

Mark 11:24-26

24 Therefore I say unto you, **What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.**

25 And when ye stand praying, **forgive**, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven **may forgive you your trespasses.**

26 But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

5. You must **be obedient** to what God teaches us.

(Remember God expects us to follow after what He has taught us from the Bible.)

Acts 5:32

32 And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given **to them that obey him.**

6. You must **love God** with all of your heart and all of your mind.

(This kind of love should be the greatest love that you have. Remember God is the one who created you. And we should love Him with all the love that we have.)

Matthew 22:37-38

37 Jesus said unto him, **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy**

soul, and with all thy mind.

38 This is the first and great commandment.

7. You also must **love everyone** else as you love your own self.

(God wants us to love everyone. Not just those who treat us good. Remember God died on the cross for everyone. We too must love everyone as God has showed us.)

Matthew 22:39-40

39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

40 **On these two commandments** hang all the law and the prophets.

Romans 13:10

10 **Love worketh no ill to his neighbour:** therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

8. Remember to **trust in the Lord** and He will give you the desires of your heart.

(To trust in God means that you believe that He will take care of you no matter what happens.

And if you will trust in God, he will give you what you desire of Him. But remember, if you love God, you will desire what God would want you to desire.)

Psalms 84:11-12

11 For the LORD God **is a sun and shield:** the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

12 O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

9. Finally, in the day that you pray unto God, and **seek Him with all of your heart**, He will be found of you.

(This means the day that you pray to God with all of your heart and believe that you will find Him, and your thoughts are only upon finding Him, you will find Him.)

Jeremiah 29:12-13

12 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

13 **And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.**

Do you desire the Holy Ghost in your life?

We are told in the Bible that Jesus said....

Luke 18:16-17

16 But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

17 Verily I say unto you, **Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.**

Matthew 18:3-4

3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye

shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Remember: To receive the Holy Ghost, be sure to repent of your sins. The Bible teaches us....

2 Corinthians 7:10

10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

After repenting to God for all of the sins that we have committed, begin to thank God and to praise God for forgiving us for those sins. Because the Bible teaches us that....

1 John 1:9

9 If we confess our sins, he is **faithful** and **just** to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Lift up your voice to God and begin thanking God for forgiving you of your sins, cry out to God and ask Him to fill you with the Holy Ghost. Don't allow your mind to think about anything else except crying out to God with all of your heart. Tell Him how much you love Him and how much you need Him in your life.

Remember: Don't get discouraged if you do not receive the Holy Ghost right away. Pursue the Lord. Keep seeking God. Keep seeking to be filled with His Spirit. And don't stop yourself from speaking in another tongue because it's something that you are not used to. Allow God to speak through you. He will fill you with His Spirit!!

One more thing: Speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance is not a one time experience as we learned in our last portion of this lesson. The Holy Ghost is the source of strength that we need in our lives. You could compare the Holy Ghost and speaking in another tongue as the Spirit gives the utterance in like fashion of an automobile that needs gas to run. You need to keep refueling the tank in order for the car to run. Just like we need to renew the Holy Ghost within us since the Holy Ghost is our source of power.

John 7:38-39

38 He 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.)

In summary, to receive the free gift of the Holy Ghost, a person must: ask for the Holy Ghost, seek for the Holy Ghost, and knock in acknowledging your desire for the Holy Ghost. You must ask in faith, nothing wavering. You must believe that when you stand praying that you will receive the Holy Ghost and be sure you have forgiven everyone of their trespasses against you. You must obey the Word of God; and love God with all your heart, all your soul, all your

mind, and all your strength, as well as **loving your neighbour as yourself**. Delight yourself in the Lord and **commit your ways unto the Lord, trusting in Him**, and **He will give you the desires of your heart**. **Finally**, in the day you pray unto God, and seek Him with all your heart, **He will be found of you**.

D. The Holy Ghost - Who is the True Seed of Abraham

Pay careful attention to chapter 3 of Galatians where the Apostle Paul explains to us who the true seed of Abraham is.....

Special Note: The Apostle Paul is explaining that we are no longer living under the works of the Mosaic Law, but rather we are living unto justification of life through Christ Jesus who fulfilled the Law.

Galatians 3:1-29 [Brackets inserted by me.]

1 O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should **not obey the truth**, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?

2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

The question the Apostle Paul has asked the Galatians, is how did you receive the Holy Ghost? Did you receive it by the works of the Mosaic Law? Or did you receive the Holy Ghost by the hearing of faith? The answer to this is by the hearing of faith.

3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

The question the Apostle Paul has asked the Galatians is, after receiving the Holy Ghost by the hearing of faith, are you now made perfect by the works of the Mosaic Law? The answer is no.

4 Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if it be yet in vain.

5 He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, **doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?**

Again, the Apostle Paul is asking the Galatians a question pertaining to how is the working of miracles by the Spirit taking place that they had witnessed, by the works of the Mosaic Law? Or by the hearing of faith? Again, the answer is by the hearing of faith.

6 Even as Abraham **believed God**, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

7 Know ye therefore that **they which are of faith**, the same are the children of Abraham.

Here the Apostle Paul has told us who the true seed of Abraham is. That being they which are of faith. These are the children of Abraham.

8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen [Gentiles] through faith, **preached before the gospel unto Abraham**, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.

9 So then **they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.**

Again, the Apostle Paul has told us who the true seed of Abraham is. That being they which are of faith. These are the children of Abraham.

10 For as many as are of the works of the law **are under the curse:** for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

11 But that **no man is justified by the law in the sight of God,** it is evident: for, **The just shall live by faith.**

12 And the law is not of faith: but, **The man that doeth them shall live in them.**

No man is justified by the Mosaic law!!! The Apostle Paul continues and tells us that the Mosaic law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.

13 Christ hath redeemed us from **the curse of the law,** being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles **through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.**

Here the Apostle Paul is explaining to the Galatians that Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the Mosaic Law, being made Himself a curse for us!!! So that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

The Apostle Paul is teaching us and the Galatians that we are not underneath the curse of the Mosaic Law any longer, but rather that Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree.

15 Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though it be but a man's covenant, yet if it be confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto.

16 Now **to Abraham and his seed** were the promises made. He **saith not,** And to seeds, as of many; but **as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.**

Here the Apostle Paul has identified the seed of Abraham as Christ!!

17 And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, **cannot disannul,** that it should make the promise of none effect. [referring to the Mosaic Law]

18 For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but **God gave it to Abraham by promise.**

Here the Apostle Paul is teaching the Galatians that the promise that God made to Abraham concerning his seed, that the Mosaic Law could not make it void. Otherwise it would no longer be a promise by God.

So the Apostle Paul then asks the Galatians.....

- 19 Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.
20 Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, **but God is one.**

Now that the Apostle Paul has explained to the Galatians that the true seed of Abraham was Christ and they which are of faith, he then asks them why then are you serving the Mosaic Law. This being asked because he has just explained to them how **the Mosaic Law was fulfilled through Christ.**

- 21 Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: **for if there had been a law** given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.
22 But the scripture hath concluded **all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ** might be given to them that believe.
23 **But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.**
24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.
25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

Here the Apostle Paul has made it clear that we are no longer under the Mosaic Law.....

- 26 For ye are all the children of God **by faith in Christ Jesus.**
27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for **ye are all one in Christ Jesus.**
29 And **if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed,** and heirs according to the promise.

So the true seed of Abraham are they which are of faith, those that have been born of water and of the Spirit. These are the true seed of Abraham.

E. The Holy Ghost - The Sabbath Rest

In this final portion of this lesson on the Holy Ghost, we will be discussing how the Sabbath day rest was only a type and a shadow of the spiritual rest that was to be found in Christ. For the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

The establishing of the Sabbath day rest.....

Remember: The Sabbath day of rest was established as a covenant between the children of Israel and God to remind the children of Israel: 1) That in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day **he rested, and was refreshed,** 2) For the children of Israel **to keep it holy or sanctified by observing** the Sabbath day of rest **by not doing any work,** 3) That the children of Israel would remember that it was the Lord God who did **sanctify them** and

brought them out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm; **therefore the LORD thy God commanded them to keep the Sabbath day of rest.** (See Ex 20:8-11, Ex 31:13-17, Deut 5:12-15, Ezek 20:12; 19-20)

Now Continue to Hear the fulfillment of the Sabbath day rest in Christ and see how the children of Israel failed to enter into the rest of which they were promised...

Hebrews 3:14-19

14 For we are made partakers of Christ, **if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;**

15 While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, **harden not your hearts**, as in the provocation.

16 For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses.

17 But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness?

18 And to whom sware he **that they should not enter into his rest**, but to them that believed not?

19 So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

Hebrews 4:1-6, 9-11

1 Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: **but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.**

3 For we which have believed **do enter into rest**, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if **they shall enter into my rest:** although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

Here it was identified that we (the Church) that believe, do enter into rest.

4 For he spake in a certain place **of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.**

5 And in this place again, **If they shall enter into my rest.**

6 Seeing therefore **it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:**

Notice this is fulfilling the elements spoken of the rest of the Sabbath and their promise of rest in the land that was flowing with milk and honey. It was first preached to Israel who entered not in because of unbelief!

But we are told that there remains a rest to the people of God and this rest is compared to the rest of God resting the seventh day from all of his works, just as God had told Israel.

9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

10 For he that is entered into his rest, **he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.**

11 **Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.**

Again we are told that this rest is a ceasing from our own works as God did from His, just as was first preached to the children of Israel who did not enter into that rest because of unbelief. But we are told to labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

Here the Lord tells us that in Him lies this rest!!

Matthew 11:28-30

28 Come unto me, all ye **that labour** and are heavy laden, and **I will give you rest.**

29 Take my yoke upon you, and **learn of me;** for I am meek and lowly in heart: and **ye shall find rest unto your souls.**

30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

The Prophet Isaiah tells us that this rest is the receiving of the Holy Ghost!!

Isaiah 28:9-13

9 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.

10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:

11 For with **stammering lips and another tongue** will he speak to this people.

12 To whom he said, **This is the rest** wherewith ye may cause the weary **to rest;** and **this is the refreshing;** yet they would not hear.