

The Holy Ghost
Lesson 3
How to Receive the Free Gift of the Holy Ghost

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?**

You can receive the Holy Ghost anywhere!!! But one of the best ways for you to receive the Holy Ghost is to be in an environment where the people believe in the receiving of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in another tongue as the Spirit gives the utterance. **These people can pray with you, encourage you, and help with creating an atmosphere of praise that the Lord will inhabit.**

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 first show you **what you need to do in order for you to receive this free gift of the Holy Ghost from God.** Afterwards, I will give you the scriptures for this, but most importantly at this time, is for you to see in **a very straight forward way** how you can partake of this wonderful gift that God has promised to those who obey Him.

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 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.)**

I would like to share with everyone my experience of receiving the Holy Ghost when I was just seven years old.

There was a lady in our church who had a great need from God. She wasn't at church that night. But sometime during the service, one of the saints of God left service and went to go get this lady. No one knew why this saint of God had left service.

When she returned to church, she had this lady with her. They went straight to the altar. My heart immediately went out to this Lady. I saw the ministry beginning to gather around her to pray, as she knelt down at the altar.

I felt a great urge to go and to pray for her. But I had this thought that came into my mind. You are not in the ministry and you do not have the Holy Ghost. That thought was there to try to keep me from going to pray for this lady.

I immediately stepped out from my seat into the aisle, and these words came into

my mind, as I began walking down to the front where this lady was praying. But I come in the name of the Lord.

Although I never knew it at that time, **this was the key to everything.** I came in the name of the Lord. I believed that I was going to meet God at that altar, and He was going to answer my prayer for this lady.

When I arrived at the altar where this lady was praying, I gently placed my hand upon her right shoulder. Immediately, before I even spoke a word, the Power of God hit me! It jolted my body and I fell backward into the floor! I cried out in another tongue, as the Spirit of God gave the utterance. This was the Holy Ghost, that I had so greatly desired to have.

I laid on the floor with my hands stretched straight up toward heaven and I cried out in another tongue as I prayed and lifted up the name of God. This was the best experience I had ever had. My life changed forever at that moment **and God answered the need that this Lady had.** What a mighty God we serve!

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.****

In our next lesson of this 5 part teaching on the Holy Ghost entitled, “Who is the True seed of Abraham”, you will learn how that through Abraham's seed, that being Jesus Christ, the blessing of Abraham came to the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit, (the Holy Ghost), through faith; and this is how we become the true seed, or spiritual seed of Abraham.