THE FATHER, SON, & HOLY SPIRIT

THE HOLY SPIRIT: 'GIFT' VS. 'GIFTS'



Distinctions Must Be Made

Baptism of the Holy Spirit (Man):

"...we can conclude that when a person is baptized in the Holy Spirit, he has power bestowed upon him. This power is for the purpose of the preaching of the gospel (Acts 4:31), living a purer life, and having a deeper devotion to God. Also, it is frequently accompanied by speaking in tongues."

Christian Apologetics & Research Ministry (carm.org)



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Baptism of the Holy Spirit (Man):

"...the Holy Spirit comes and enters into our human spirits. Our spirits are thus baptized with His actual presence at the exact moment of our salvation with the Lord. This is the baptism that the Bible is talking about when it says that there is only one baptism.

When you have received the second gift of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, you are now considered 'Spirit-filled.' Both your spirit and your soul are now filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit."

(bible-knowledge.com)



Baptism of the Holy Spirit (Man):

"The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is a separate experience from salvation that every believer should seek and receive...The Baptism of the Spirit gives you a supernatural language AND supernatural power."

(FaithChristianCenter.com)

- All Disciples Receive Supernatural Power
- Speaking in Tongues Will Result



- Baptism of the Holy Spirit (God)
 - The Conversion of Cornelius
 ACTS 10:44-46; 11:15-17
 - But Is This the Same 'Gift of the Holy Spirit'?

 ACTS 2:38



Distinctions Must Be Made

- The Gifts of the Holy Spirit:
 - Miraculous Gifts & Power

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1<sup>ST</sup> COR. 12:1-4, 7-11;
ACTS 2:1-4; 10:44-46
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The Exceptional Case

ACTS 10:44-46



- The Gift of the Holy Spirit:
 - Is Peter Promising What Cornelius Received?
- The Difficulty:
 - Ten Different Greek Words for 'Gift' or 'Gifts'
 - Context Does Not Always Clarify Meaning

Gifts' of the Holy Spirit

- Without Question: Miraculous Power
 - The Apostles
 ACTS 2:1-4, 43; 3:12; 5:12
 - The Early Disciples

 1 ST CORINTHIANS 12

'Gifts' of the Holy Spirit

- How Was This Power Given?
 - The Apostles

CF. ACTS 2:1-4

- The Early Disciples
ACTS 8:17, 18; ROM. 1:11

'Gifts' of the Holy Spirit

- Why Was The Power Given in This Way?
- To Confirm The Word Spoken
 HEB. 2:1-4; MARK 16:20; JUDE 1:3
 - For Edification

 1 ST COR. 14:1-5, 12, 26



- Various Interpretations Among Brethren
 - The Miraculous Gifts [Limited time/scope]

"Some believe that in this verse, the Spirit was promised to those who obeyed the gospel, and that Acts 8:12-19 and Acts 19:5-6 show how the promise was fulfilled — that is, through the laying on of the hands of the apostles. This is the view I am inclined to accept."

— Johnny Stringer, *Truth Commentaries: The Book of Acts*; (comments on Acts 2:38), p. 45



Various Interpretations Among Brethren

- The Word Only

THE HOLY SPIRIT

Witnesses - Romans 8:16

Instructs - Nehemiah 9:20

Teaches - John 14:26

Converts - John 16:8

Begets - 2 Corinthians 3:6

Born of the Spirit - John 3:5,8

Saves - Titus 3:5

Sanctifies - 1 Corinthians 6:11

Justifies - 1 Corinthians 6:11

Washes - 1 Corinthians 6:11

Comforts - Acts 9:31

Gives Love - Romans 5:5

Leads - Romans 8:14

Dwells in us - Romans 8:11

Strengthens – Ephesians 3:16

Has Power - Romans 15:13

In Resurrection - Romans 8:11

THE HOLY WORD

Witnesses – John 5:39

Instructs – 2 Timothy 3:16

Teaches - John 6:45

Converts - Titus 1:9

Begets - James 1:18

Born of the Word - 1 Peter 1:23

Saves - James 1:21

Sanctifies - John 17:17

Justifies - Romans 2:13

Washes – Ephesians 5:26

Comforts - 1 Thessalonians 4:18

Gives Love - 1 John 2:5

Leads - Psalm 119:105

Dwells in us - Colossians 3:16

Strengthens – Acts 20:32

Power in the Word – Hebrews 1:3

In Resurrection – John 5:28-29



- Various Interpretations Among Brethren
 - Salvation

"The "...gift of the Holy Spirit' in Acts 2:38 and 3:19 is obviously used regarding salvation."

— Don Martin, *The Gift of the Holy Spirit*, bibletruths.net

"...what Peter said...is that we must repent and be baptized so that we can receive two things: forgiveness of sins, and salvation, which is the gift of the Holy Spirit."—

Jeff Hamilton, lavistachurchofchrist.org

'Gift' of the Holy Spirit

- The Meaning:
 - Consider: To Whom Is This Promise Made?

 ACTS 2:38, 39
 - A Promise To All Disciples!

 ACTS 5:32; JOHN 7:38, 39
 - Not In Miraculous Measure

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CF. LUKE 1:15, 41; 1<sup>ST</sup> COR. 3:16; 6:19
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