

The Book of Acts: New Wine

Class 3

5 Principles from Last Week:

1

It is only in the power and authority of Jesus' name that salvation can and must be gained.

Acts 4:32

2

The promise of God as given by the Prophets was restated and repointed by Peter.

Acts 2:38-39

3

The indwelling of the Holy Spirit in people has always been God's goal and promise.

Ez 11:19; 36:26-27; 37; Is 59:20-21

5 Principles from Last Week:

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The Holy Spirit makes us one with the Father and with Jesus, and with one another.

Jn 17:20-21

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The Holy Spirit is a person, the Personal Spirit of God; He is not “the Force” and he is not an “it;” He has a number of names that reveal his purpose and his unity with the Father and Jesus.

Ac 5:9; 16:6-7; Rm 8:9-11

Questions for Tonight:

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Who Can Be Saved?

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What is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

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What is the Laying on of Hands?

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What does it mean to be Filled with the Spirit?

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What is the role of the Holy Spirit in my Life?

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Who Can Be Saved?

Out of all of the thousands of people who became Christians between 33 and 62 AD, why did Luke choose to record the ones he did?



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Who Can Be Saved?

	Acts	Persons/Groups Highlighted	Important Comments
Baptism of Holy Spirit Promise Restated	1:5 11:16	Only 2 times in Acts referring to this prophecy	John's proclamation Jesus restates with new timing
New Promise Stated; Jews Respond	2:36-41	Universal Promise Jewish believers baptized	Holy Spirit poured out on Apostles
Appointing the Seven (Hellenistic Jews)	6:1-6	The seven are full of the Holy Spirit and Wisdom	Apostles pray and lay hands on the seven
Samaritans	8:9-22	Excluded from Israel because of mixed-blood (Ezra, Neh)	Apostles came pray & lay their hands on Samaritans
Eunuch	8:36	Excluded from the Assembly Dt 23:1	He and Philip went down into the water
Persecutor	9:1-18	Saul	Ananias commanded directly by Jesus to go to Saul
Gentile God-Fearers	10:34-38 11:13-17	Difference between Proselytes and God-Fearers	Holy Spirit is poured out on the Gentiles (same as at the beginning)
Gentiles	11:19-21 13:39, 47-49 15:1	Gentiles Converted	Clarifying that circumcision and keeping the Law of Moses is not required to be saved

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Roman Soldiers	16:31-34	Gentile Soldier & Household (Includes slaves)	baptism and belief; timing
Jew and Gentiles - Corinthians	18:8...	Corinthians had the reputation of being the most sinful	believed and baptized
John's Followers	18:24-26 19:1-7	Believing in Jesus (the one to come) is not enough	No stigma for not fully understanding; Paul lays on hands; Spirit comes on them
Paul's Conversion Recited 3rd time	22:12-16		v. 16 wash away your sins calling on his name

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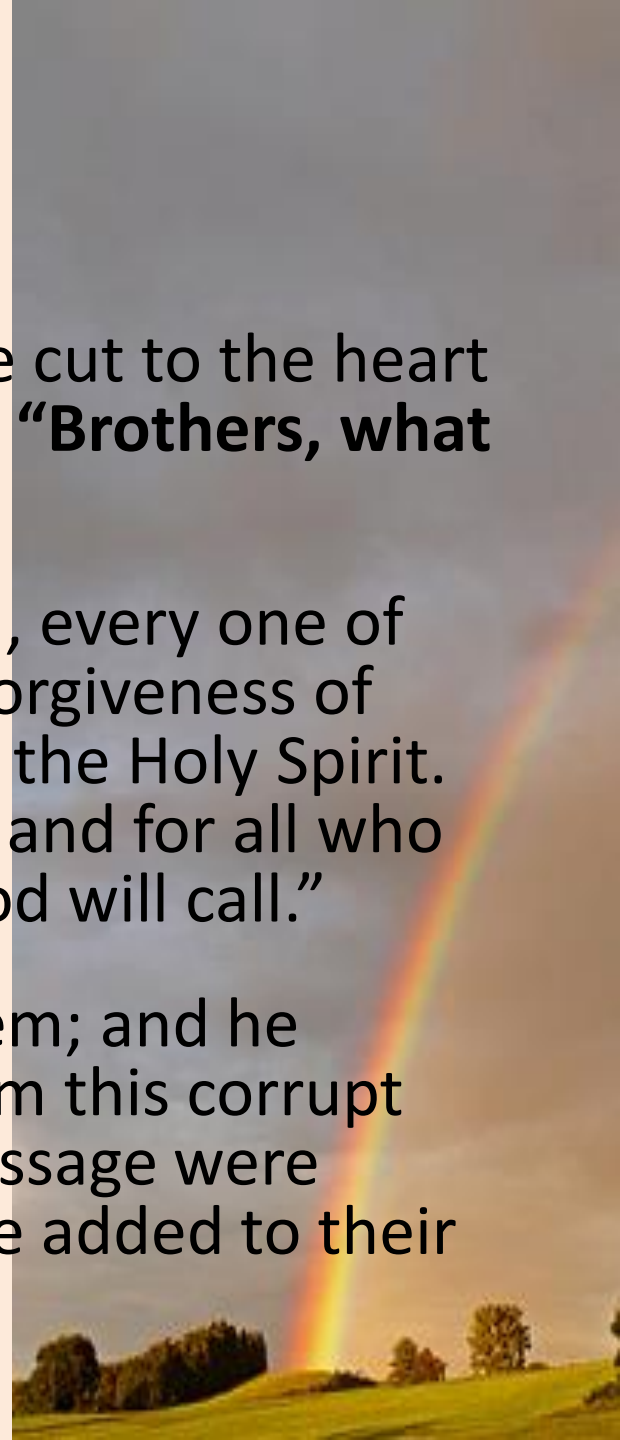
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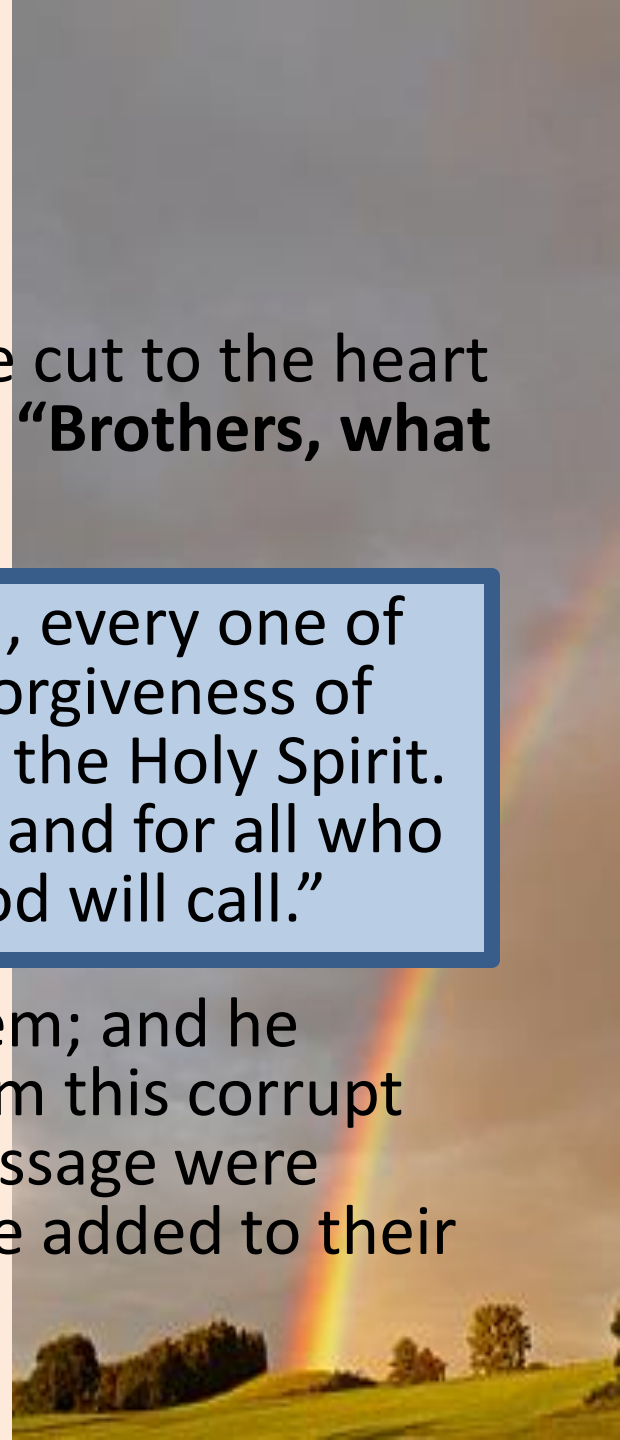
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What does it mean to repent?

- To turn around, to change your direction
- To change your way of thinking, your world view
- To choose to live in the light (Jn 3:19-21)
- To turn away from the world and to God

What does repent not mean?

- To do penance
- To earn forgiveness
- To be perfect

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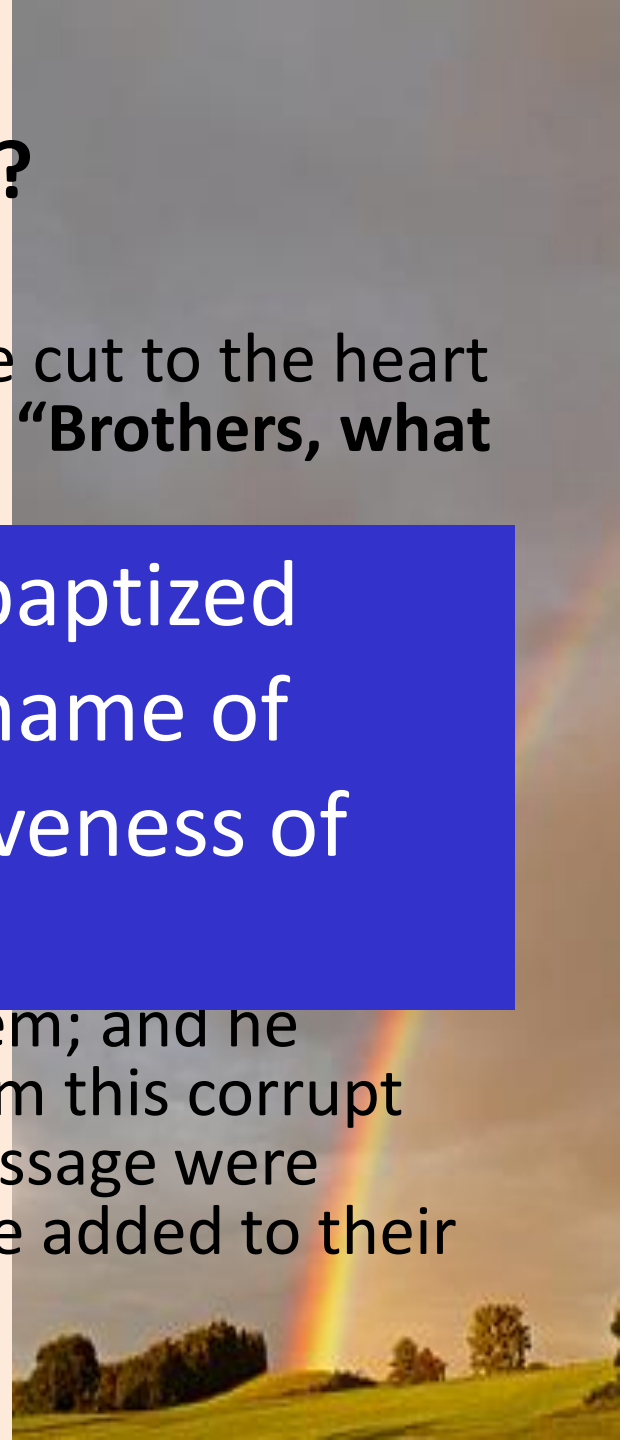
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baptizō – means to make a thing dipped or dyed, to immerse for a religious purpose (see *Lev 14:8-9*)

John baptized others – a change of Jewish practice which had always been self-immersion

(*Lk 3:7, 12, 16, 21; 7:20-21*)



Mikvah purification bath on Temple Mount

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What is Baptism?

Jesus also had his disciples baptize (*Jn 3:22-23; 4:2*)

Philip & Eunuch

Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. (*Ac 8:36-38*)



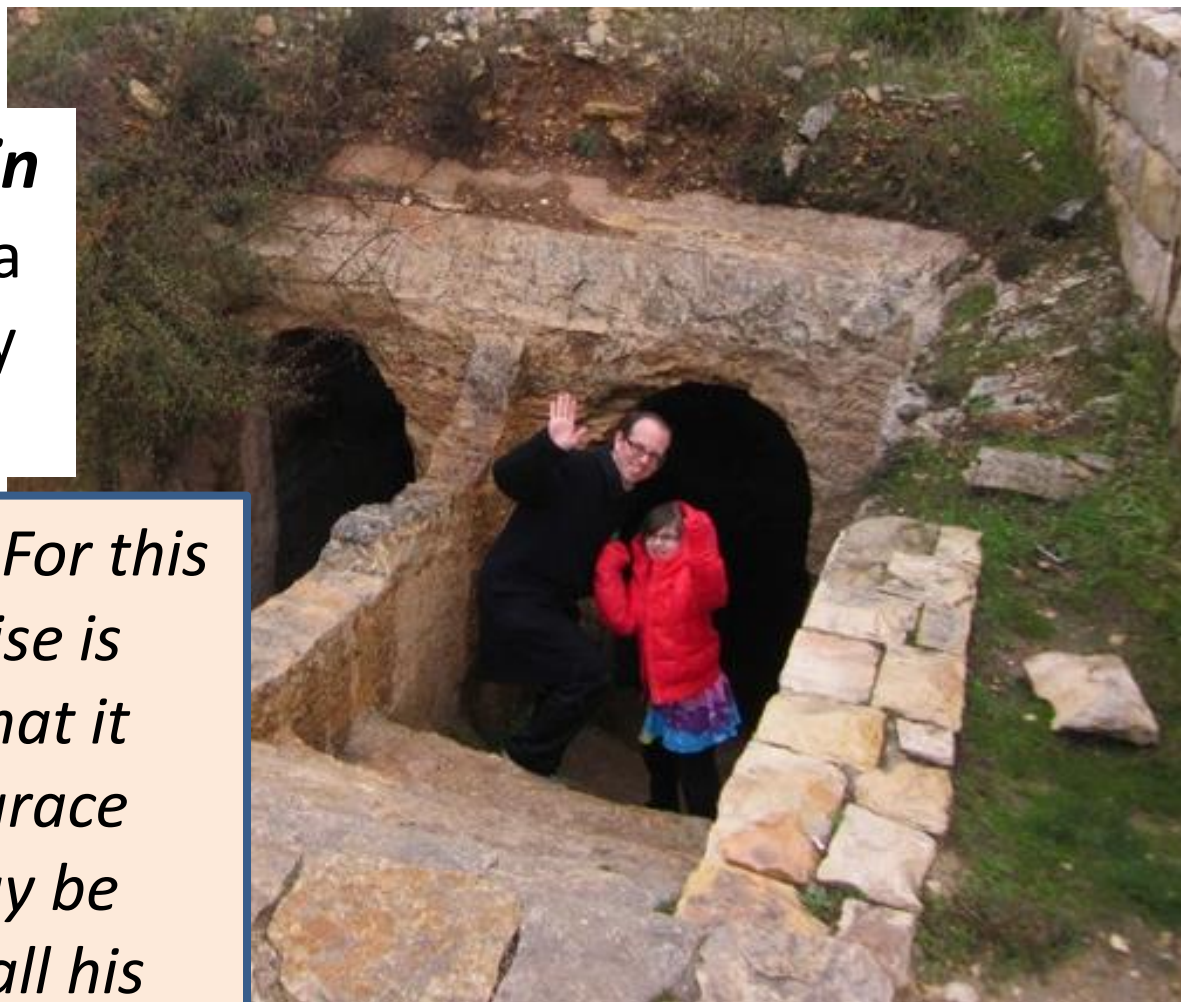
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It is a baptism in faith: acting on a promise made by God (Ac 2:38)

Like Abraham For this reason the promise is based on faith, that it may depend on grace and so that it may be made certain to all his descendants – Rm 4:16



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What is Baptism?

It is NOT a baptism of repentance, but a baptism because of repentance

...Repent and be baptized (Ac 2:38)



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What is Baptism?

It is a baptism in Jesus' name:

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved (Ac 2:21)

Mt 28:18-20

Ac 22:16



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It is Baptism into Christ:

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This is where we enter into Him.



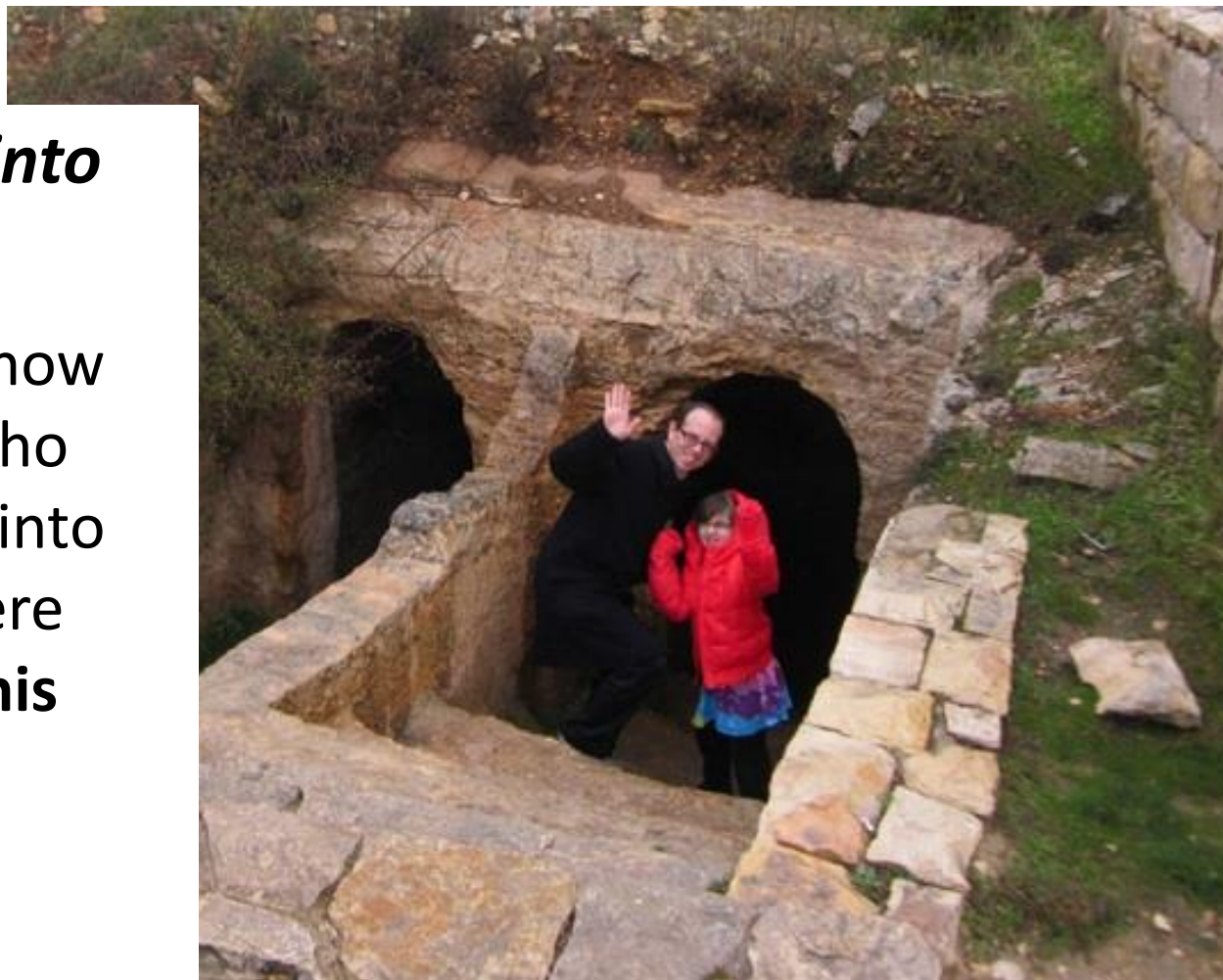
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Dying sets us free from sin:

For we know that our old self was crucified **with him** so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— **because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.** (Rm 6:6-7)



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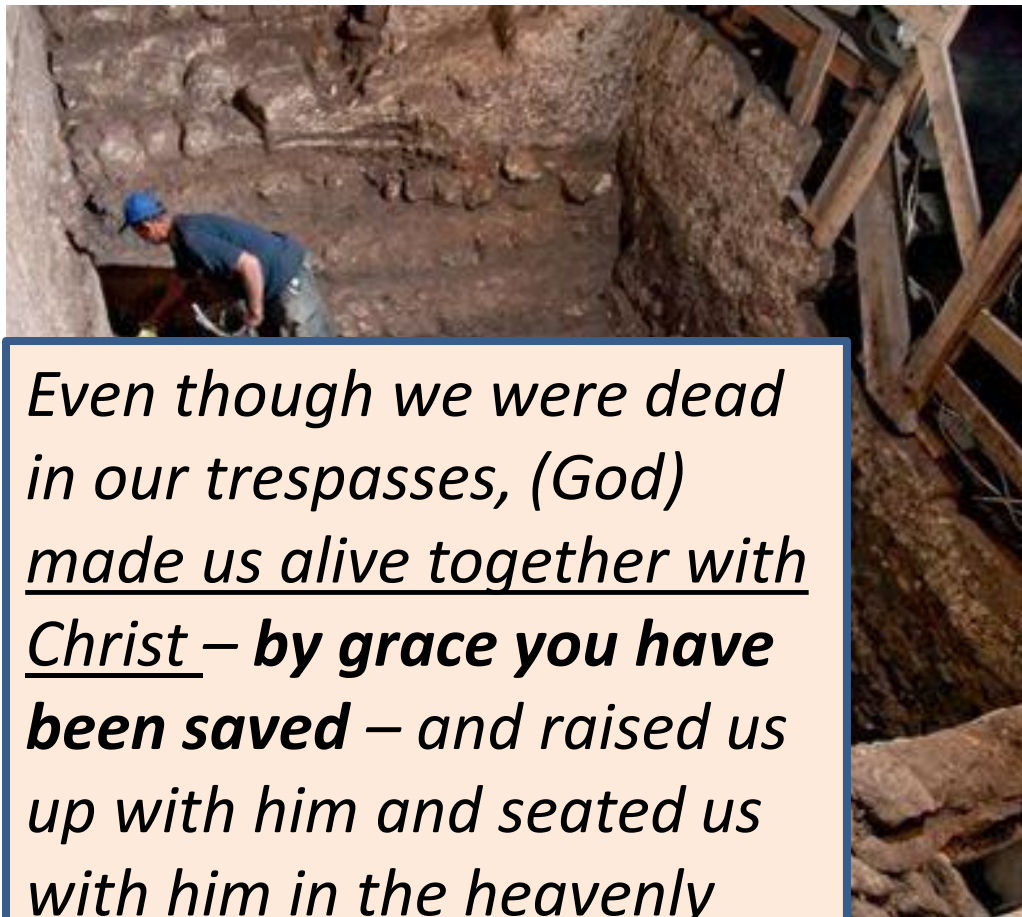
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It is also a Baptism of resurrection:

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Rm 6:4



*Even though we were dead in our trespasses, (God) made us alive together with Christ – **by grace you have been saved** – and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus
Eph 2:5-6*

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What is Baptism?

It is a washing away of sins:

And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and **wash your sins away, calling on his name.** (Ac 22:16)



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What is Baptism?

It is when we are clothed with Christ

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

Gal 3:26-27

Paul is referencing the Spirit of Christ



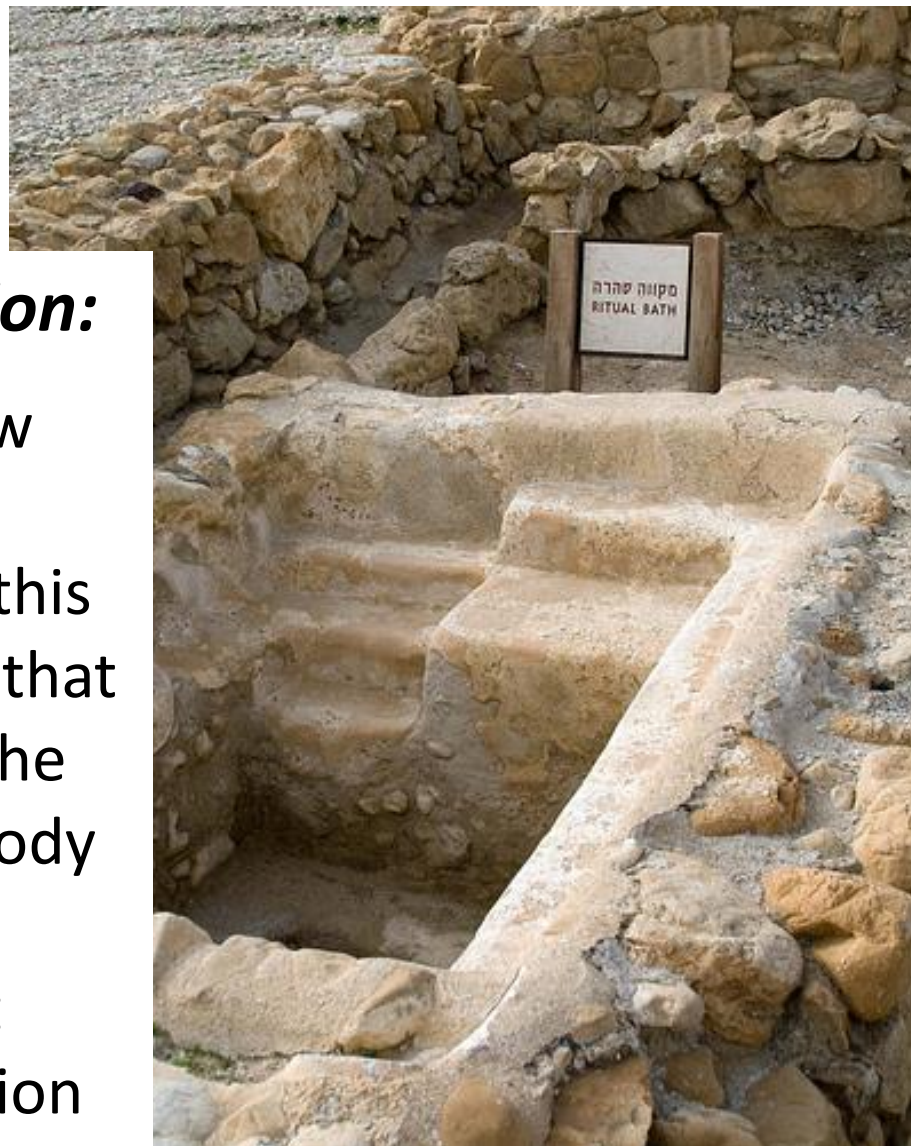
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It is a baptism of salvation:

In it (Noah's Ark) only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, (*1 Pet 3:20-21*)



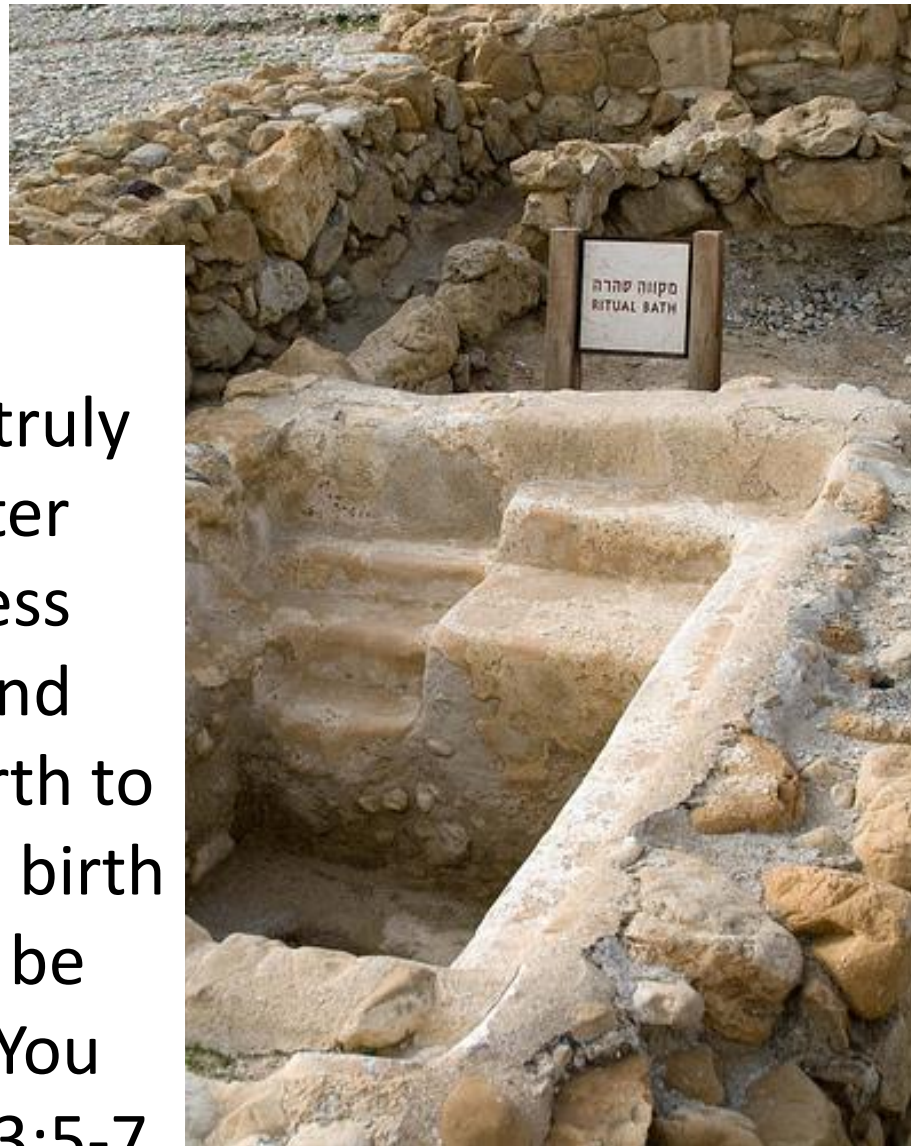
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What is Baptism?

It is being born again:

⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ Jn 3:5-7 (see Ac 2:38)



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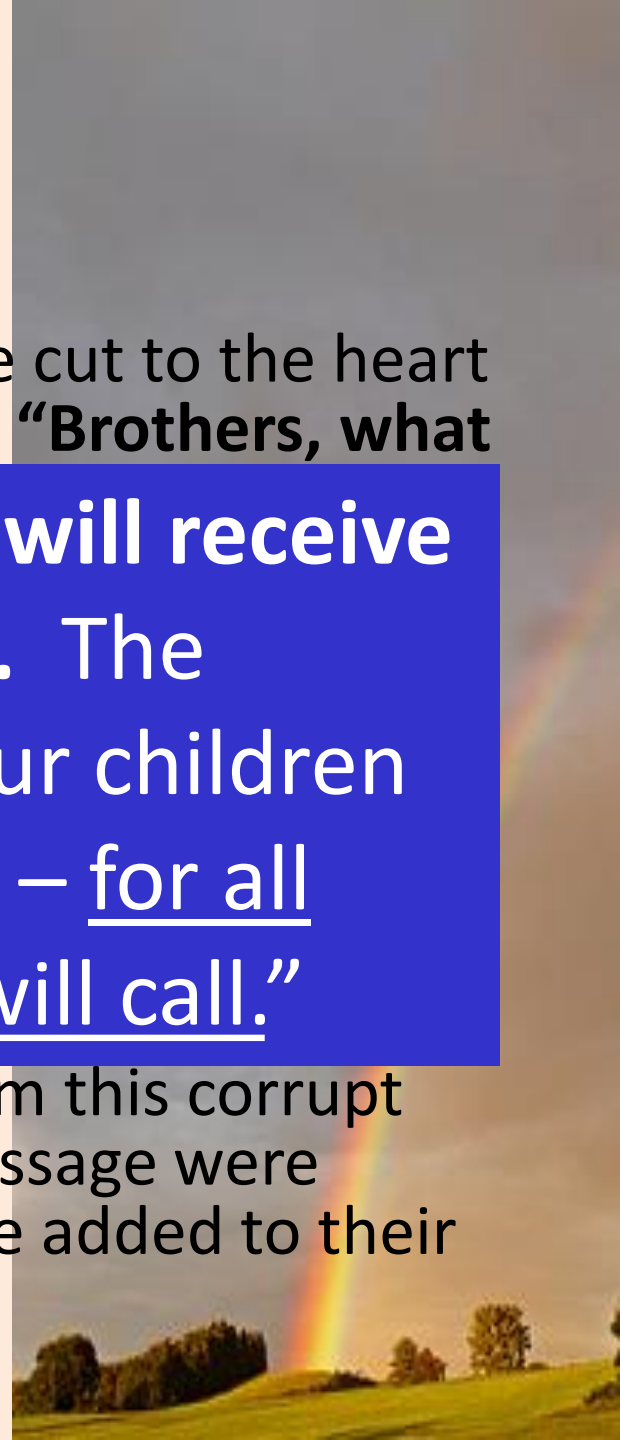
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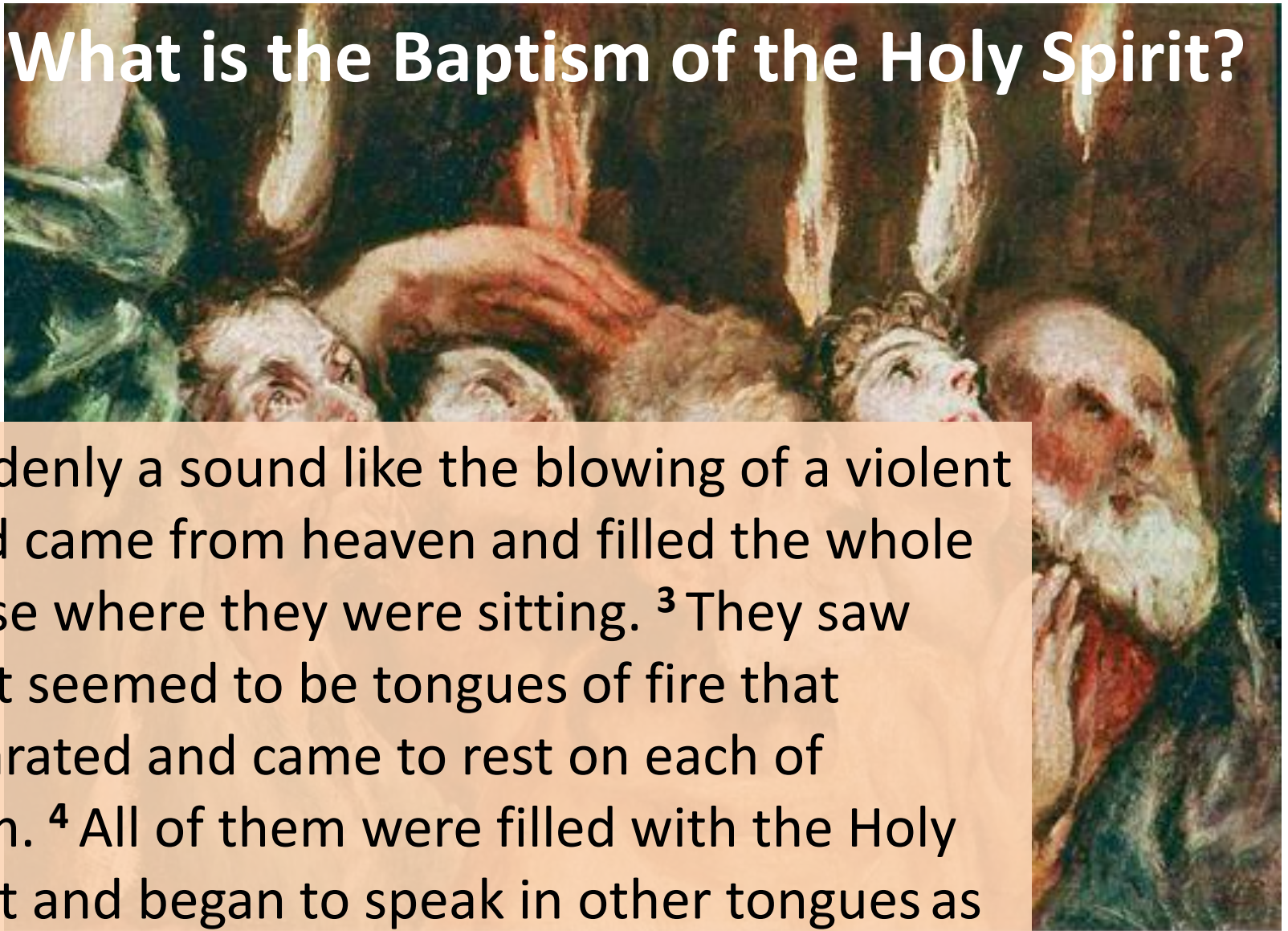
John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. **He will baptize you** with the Holy Spirit and fire. Lk 3:16

On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but **in a few days** you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” Ac 1:4-5

4

What is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Ac 2:2-4



Pentecost (detail) by El Greco

4

What is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?



Pentecost

No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. Ac 2:16-18

4

What is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the **Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles**. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Ac 10:43-46



Pentecost (detail) by El Greco

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What is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?



And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them **just as *He did* upon us at the beginning.** And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He used to say, ‘**John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.**’ Therefore if God gave to them the same gift as *He gave* to us also after believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?” Ac 11:15-17

4

What is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

Occurs only twice in Acts

-Performed directly by Jesus

-First for the Jews

-Then for the Gentiles

-“I will pour out my Spirit on all people.” Ac 2:17

Peter still commanded them to be baptized in Jesus name Ac 10:48



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5

When does the Holy Spirit come to dwell in us?

- **Ac 2:38-41** Gift of the Spirit is a part of the promise for the last days to all people
- **Jn 3:5-7** Born of water and the Spirit
- **Titus 3:5** saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit
- **Gal 2:26-27** Clothed with Christ in baptism
- **Eph 1:13** When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit

6

What is the Laying on of Hands?



Under the Old Covenant, the priests were commanded to lay their hands on the sacrifices - before slaughtering them.

Blessings were given to sons. Gen 48

Moses commissioned Joshua to lead the Israelites. Nm 27:18-23

Joshua received power to lead from Moses. Dt 34:9

6

What is the Laying on of Hands?

Jesus healed the sick by laying his hands on them

Mk 6:5; Lk 4:4

First occurrence recorded in Acts is the appointment of the seven servants Ac 6 1-7



Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you **who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom.** We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.” Ac 6:3-4

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What is the Laying on of Hands?



Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people. Ac 6:8

This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, **a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit**; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. **They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.** Ac 6:5-6

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What is the Laying on of Hands?



Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. Philip went down to a city in Samaria and began to proclaim the gospel there. When the Samaritans heard Philip's signs and wonders, they all paid attention to what he

Philip baptizes Samaritans including Simon

8:15-16 Apostles pray that the Holy Spirit would come on the Samaritans

8:17-19 Apostles place their hands on them and they receive the Spirit. Simon saw the results and that the Apostles were the key.

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What is the Laying on of Hands?

Ac 8:36-39

Philip baptizes Ethiopian Eunuch and leaves, the Eunuch goes on his way rejoicing.

Paul finds some disciples in Ephesus and quizzes them about the Holy Spirit. When they say they haven't heard of Him, Paul's question is about their baptism. Ac 19:1-6

When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

Ac 19:6



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What is the Laying on of Hands?

At first *it (the message of salvation)* was declared by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, **while God supported their testimony by signs and wonders and by various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to His will.**

Heb 2:4

At each new stage in spreading the message in each new city, the apostles laid their hands on the new converts, and their hands might be confirmed.



7

What does it mean to be filled with the Spirit?

In wisdom, understanding, knowledge and craftsmanship

Of wisdom

With Power, justice and courage

Filled and prepared

Led around by the Spirit

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Ex 31:3	I have filled him with the Spirit of wisdom, understanding, knowledge and in all crafts	
Ex 35:31	And He has filled him with wisdom, understanding, knowledge and in all crafts	
Deut 34:9	Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the Spirit of wisdom, and the Lord laid his hands on him; and the sons of Israel stood by him and did as the Lord commanded Joshua.	
Micah 3:8	For I am filled with power, with the Spirit of the Lord— And with justice, with courage, and with my voice I will cry out.	
Luke 1:15	and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, and will be a prophet and will prophesy about the Lord.	
Luke 1:41	When Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the Spirit of the Lord moved upon her, and she exclaimed with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!	
Luke 1:67	And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying:	
Luke 4:1	Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led around by the Spirit in the wilderness	

7

What Spoke with the

Spoke in different languages

Spoke about God

Spoke to the rulers

Spoke the word of God boldly

Spirit and Wisdom to accomplish

Spoke boldly to the council and then saw the glory of God

The Spirit and his faith helped the church to see many brought to God

Acts 2:4	ton	Spoke with other
Acts 6:3	Therefore, brethren, my reputation, full of the Spirit and wisdom, to accomplish the task.	
Acts 6:5	The statement found appropriate for Stephen, a man full of faith and power, who did great signs and wonders in the people.	
Acts 7:55	and saw the glory of God	
Acts 9:17	his hands on him the road by which he went to sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."	
Acts 11:24	(Barnabus) for he was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And considerable numbers were brought to the Lord.	

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What does it mean to be Filled with the Spirit?

Called, Admonished to be filled with the Spirit

Acts 13:9	But Saul, who was following on him,	is gaze
Acts 13:52	And the disciples	.
Rom 15:13	Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.	
Eph 5:18	And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,	

We are called to be filled with the Spirit – how do we do that?

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What does it mean to be Filled with the Spirit?

How to be filled with the Spirit –

“So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. **Lk 11:9-10**

“Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!” **Lk 11:11-13**

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How to be filled with the Spirit –

⁵ Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. **Rm 8:5**

¹² Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Rm 8:12-13

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How to be filled with the Spirit –

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. **Do not quench the Spirit.** Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good, reject every kind of evil. **1 Th 5:16-22**

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, **speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord,** always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Eph 5:18-20**

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What is the role of the Holy Spirit in my Life?

- Next Time.....