

Search for Truth

10. The Gospel for all the World - Part 2

What is the Gospel?

1Corinthians 15:1-4 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

The Gospel must not only be believed, but it must also be obeyed!

2Thessalonians 1:8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

We see here that salvation comes through and by the Gospel! Paul describes the Gospel in three basic steps: Christ died was buried and rose again. So the gospel is the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ! We obey his death by repenting, his burial by being baptized now let's look at how to obey his resurrection.

How do I obey His resurrection?

2Co 3:6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

Receiving His spirit is called the BAPTISM of the HOLY GHOST.

How important is it that we have the Spirit?

John 3:3-5

Rom 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.

If we do not have the Spirit of God, we cannot get into the kingdom of God. Neither are we a part of Him. We must be filled with his Spirit!

First believe—then receive!

John 7:38-39

When we believe His promises, we shall receive! Remember the Bible said in Heb 11:6 "he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him".

What is the Holy Spirit?

John 4:24

24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

First of all there is only one Spirit of God! If you are talking about the Holy Ghost, Holy Spirit, Spirit of Christ or God's Spirit you are speaking of the one spirit of God

John 14:18, 26 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you ...the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost...

Colossians 1:27 ... Christ in you, the hope of glory:

Galatians 2:20 ... Christ liveth in me...

When you receive the Holy Ghost, it is Jesus living within you. When this happens, it is God's new manifestation, the promise of the father, a gift and it is God's seal of ownership.

Why receive the Holy Ghost?

Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Gal 5:22-23

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

In a world that is full of restlessness we need what the Holy Ghost brings to our lives

Helps us pray

Romans 8:26-27 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

Many times we do not know how to pray about certain things in our lives, but when we get in the Spirit, the Spirit begins to work on those things for us.

The First Evidence— Speaking With Other Tongues

Acts 2:4; 10:44-47; 19:1-6

Why did God choose tongues?

Prov 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Why would God choose speaking with tongues as the first evidence of the Holy Ghost? Surely a more rational sign would be used than unintelligible sounds! Why tongues? Here are some logical reasons why tongues would become the sign of receiving the Holy Spirit:

God is sovereign

Isa 40:13 Who hath directed the Spirit of the Lord, or being his counsellor hath taught him? 14 With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding?

From the heart, the mouth speaketh

Mt 12:34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

Tongue is the most powerful and difficult member to control

James 3:3-8

God did not want us to wonder our whole life if we did or did not receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. He said I will let you know when you have completely given yourself to me. I will tame the most unruly part of you!

An obvious, external, uniform sign

Acts 11:15-17

Perhaps speaking with other tongues makes sense, after all!

Have You Received the Holy Ghost Since You Believed?

Acts 19:2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed...

Step 1—Repent and believe the gospel.

Ask Jesus to be Lord of your life.

Luke 24:47; Acts 20:21

If you have a cup full of dirt, you must clean it out before you put water in it to drink. The same is true with your spirit.

Step 2—Water baptism

It should be in the name of Jesus.

Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38

Some times in the Bible people were filled before they were baptized but most of the time it is afterwards.

Step 3—Be comfortable

It's about how you posture yourself within not without.

Acts 2:2

You must focus on God. There will be many times that people will be around you praying, that's good because they can help create an atmosphere to help you step into the Spirit.

Step 4—Ask and believe for God's gift

You do not earn it, it's a gift!

Luke 11:9-13; Acts 5:32

Your kids do not have to stand in front of you on Christmas and beg for their gifts. A gift is not something you work for it is something you receive. By the way, you do not get good and then get God, you get God then you get good!

Step 5—Offer a sacrifice of praise

Praise is the environment God dwells

Hebrews 13:15; Psalm 116:17

Praise always gets God's attention. God no longer asks for the sacrifice of animals but he asks for the sacrifice of praise.

Step 6—Let the Spirit submerge and flow out of you.

John 7:37-39

It's like a glass of water it fills up then He begins to overflow

Step 7—Become as a little child.

Surrender your tongue to the Spirit's control.

Matthew 18:2-4; Galatians 4:6; Isaiah 28:11;

Acts 2:4

You will never figure out God. You must accept Him and His ways. Receiving the Holy Ghost is all about surrendering and trusting Him. In faith, speak out what you are feeling. Remember God is the one that gives you the ability to speak it!

It's between each person and God

Ac 2:38 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. 40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

No one can stop you from being obedient to the word of God and no one can make you be obedient to the word of God. We must all take the steps ourselves in believing and obeying the Gospel.