

Upon returning to Jerusalem, Peter explained to the other brethren what occurred:

Acts 11:15-17 15: And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning.

16: Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.

17: Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?

Twenty-five years after Pentecost Paul found that many believers had not received the Holy Ghost.

WHAT PAUL SAID

Acts 19:1-6 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.

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

Have you received this Biblical experience? As you have read in the above passages each time the Baptism of the Holy Ghost was accompanied by the miracle of tongues. This was a sign that Peter, and the rest of the apostles, recognized when Cornelius received the Holy Ghost, "For they heard them speak with tongues" and later "as on us at the beginning."

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Have You Received The Holy Ghost Since You Believed?



WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT RECEIVING THE HOLY GHOST?

As God planned for His people, many sincere and devout Christians today are receiving the Gift of the Holy Ghost. The Bible is clear in describing how this Gift was bestowed on the first Christians. As a true believer in the Word of God, you too can receive this Gift just as they did in the Bible!

In the following paragraphs we will see what four people in the Bible said about receiving the Gift of the Holy Ghost.



John, being the forerunner for Jesus Christ, prepared believers for Jesus' coming baptism of the Holy Ghost.

WHAT JOHN THE BAPTIST SAID

Matthew 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire.



Jesus instructs his disciples to wait for the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

WHAT JESUS SAID

Acts 1:4-5 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.

The next chapter depicts the first occurrence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost:

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.

Jews from all over the world witnessed the miracle of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost!

For the next several years only Jews received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Then God answered the prayer of a gentile and sent Peter to Cornelius' house to speak to him:

WHAT PETER SAID

Acts 10:44-47 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.
46: For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,
47: Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?