

# **The New Covenant**

## **The New Birth Experience**

**In the New Testament, God who is a Spirit, took on Himself a body, born of a virgin – the Christ child. Jesus Christ had a dual nature. He was both God and man – Son of God and Son of man. He became a Son of man so that we could become sons of God.**

***Hebrews 2:16***

***For verily he took not on him the nature of angels;  
but he took on him the seed of Abraham.***

***Philippians 2:7***

***But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form  
of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men.***

- **To become a son of man, He had to be born of the flesh with Mary as His mother, and the Spirit of God as His Father.**
- **For us to become a son of God, we must have a new birth. We must be born again – born of the water (baptism) and born of the Spirit (receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost). We will then also have a dual nature as a son of man and a son of God.**

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## I. Old Testament *(It is coming)*

### A. Prophecy

#### Old Testament (Old Covenant)

Jer. 31:31-33 The old covenant was the law.

31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a **new covenant** with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

32 Not according to the **covenant that I made with their fathers** in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:

33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will **put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts**; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Joel 2:28-29 Referenced by Apostle Peter when the church was born on the day of Pentecost.

28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will **pour out my spirit upon all** flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

Isa. 28:10-12

10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:

11 For with **stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people**.

12 To whom he said, **This is the rest** wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and **this is the refreshing**:

## I. Old Testament - *(It is coming)*:

### B. Types and shadows in the Old Testament (Tabernacle Plan)

**Refer to following page for the Tabernacle Plan:**

- **Brazen Altar represents repentance (death of the old man)**
- **Brazen Laver represents baptism (burial of the old man)**
- **Holy Place represents man's approach to God in prayer, praise and worship**
- **Most Holy Place represents God's Spirit filling man's spirit (referred to in the book of Acts as receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost)**

## THE TABERNACLE PLAN

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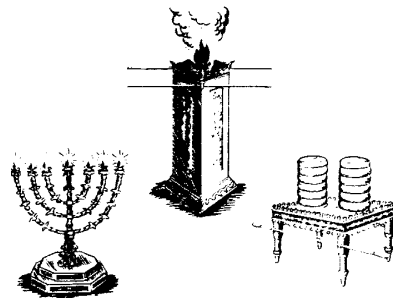


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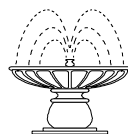
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**2. HOLY PLACE**

SOUL  
  
- WILL  
- MIND  
- EMOTIONS



**BRAZEN LAVER**  
(PURITY)



**BRAZEN ALTAR**  
(SACRIFICE)

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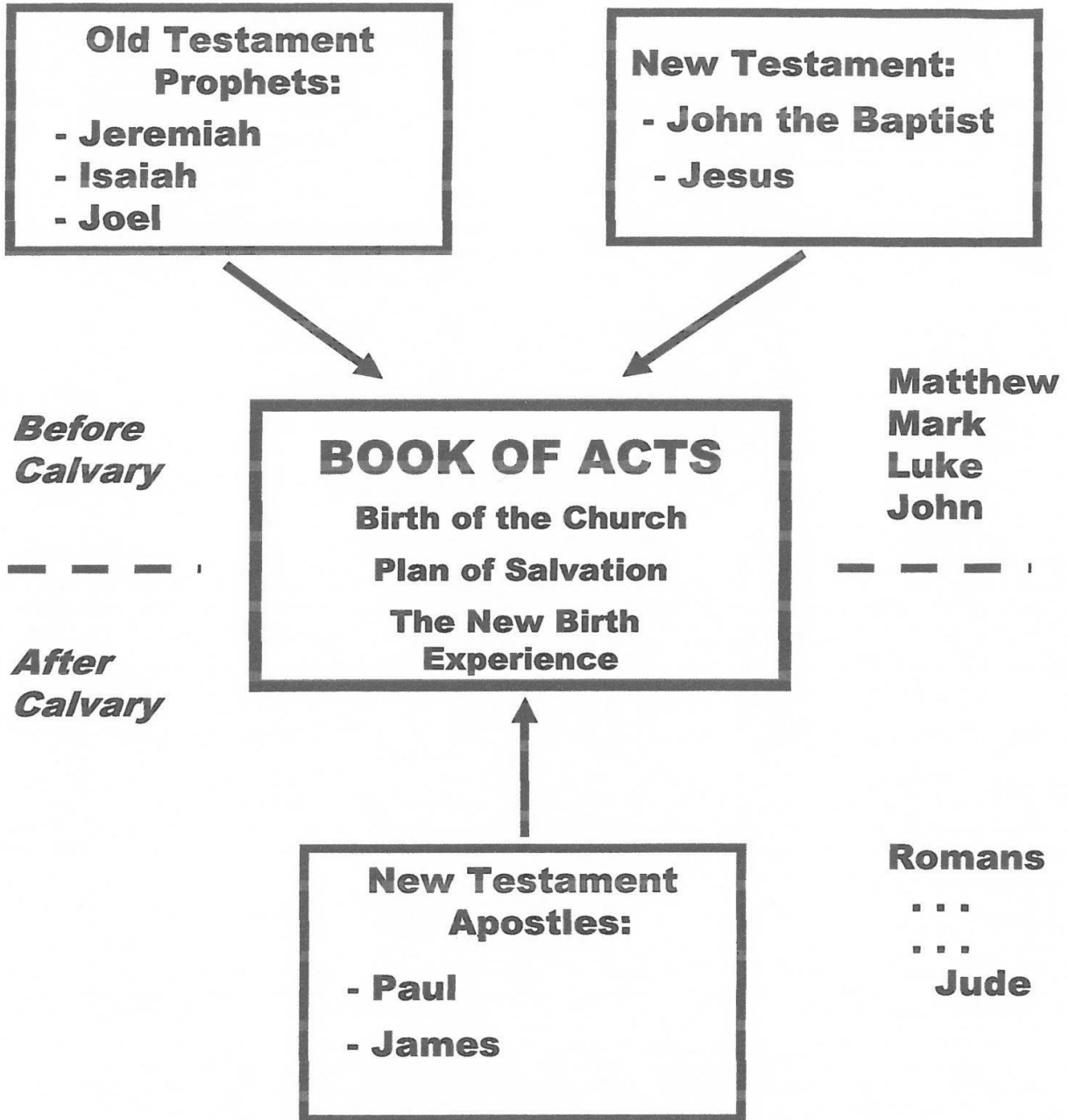
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AREA AROUND THE TABERNACLE

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Everything that speaks of the New Birth or the Salvation Experience must be interpreted through the Book of Acts – the only place that it occurred.



The Old Testament points forward to Acts  
Matthew, Mark, Luke and John points forward to Acts  
Romans through Jude points back to the book of Acts

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## I. Old Testament

**C. In the Old Testament the Spirit of the Lord came upon, or moved upon, a few selected men (kings, priests, leaders) to perform great feats for God. Under the New Covenant in the New Testament, the indwelling Spirit of God would be available to every believer.**

Judges 14:5-6 **Samson**

5 Then went Samson down, and his father and his mother, to Timnath, and came to the vineyards of Timnath: and, behold, a young lion roared against him.

6 And the **Spirit of the LORD** came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and he had nothing in his hand: but he told not his father or his mother what he had done.

Judges 3:10 **Caleb's Brother**

10 And the **Spirit of the LORD** came upon him, and he judged Israel, and went out to war: and the LORD delivered Chushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand; and his hand prevailed against Chushan-rishathaim.

Judges 6:34 **Gideon**

34 But the **Spirit of the LORD** came upon Gideon, and he blew a trumpet; and Abi-ezer was gathered after him.

Judges 11:29 **Jephthah**

29 Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jephthah, and he passed over Gilead, and Manasseh, and passed over Mizpeh of Gilead, and from Mizpeh of Gilead he passed over unto the children of Ammon.

1 Sam. 10:10 **Saul**

10 And when they came thither to the hill, behold, a company of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them.

1 Sam. 16:13 **David**

13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

2 Chron. 15:1

1 And the **Spirit of God** came upon Azariah the son of Oded:

2 Chron. 24:20

20 And the **Spirit of God** came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, which stood above the people, and said unto them, Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the commandments of the LORD, that ye cannot prosper? because ye have forsaken the LORD, he hath also forsaken you.

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### II. New Testament - Under the Law (Before the ascension of Christ) - *(It is getting closer):*

#### A. Spoken about by John the Baptist

John 1:29, 32, 33

29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

32 Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him.

33 I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is **he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit**. NIV

Luke 3:16

16 John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: **he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire.**

#### B. Spoken about by Jesus during His ministry - (before His death)

##### 1. What is the Kingdom of Heaven or the Kingdom of God like?

Matt. 13:44 **Jesus speaking**

44 Again, **the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.**

**The Kingdom of heaven - there is no price too great to pay for the treasure -- it will cost you everything:**

Matt. 13:45-46 **Jesus speaking**

45 Again, **the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls:**

46 Who, when he had found one **pearl of great price**, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

John 7:37-39

37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

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.)

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John 14:26

26 But **the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost**, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

John 16:7

7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; **It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.**

**Apostle Paul describes the Kingdom of God as a treasure in earthen vessels:**

2 Cor. 4:6-7

6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

### **2. How do you get into the Kingdom of God?**

**(You must be born into it - born again of the Spirit).**

John 3:1-8 **Jesus speaking**

1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**

4 **Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?**

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.**

6 **That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.**

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

8 The WIND **bloweth** where it listeth, and thou **hearest the sound** thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: **so is every one that is born of the Spirit.**

**Jesus used the wind to describe the birth of the Spirit:**

You can't see the wind, you can hear the evidence (the sound of the wind), you can feel and see the demonstration of its' power.

When someone is born of the Spirit, you can't see the Spirit, you can hear the evidence (the sound), you can feel and see the demonstration of its' power.



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### **John the Baptist associated the Holy Ghost with fire:**

Matt. 3:11

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**.

#### **3. Concerning the new birth with the infilling of the Holy Ghost:**

- Jesus gave an important clue to Nicodemus - the **wind**.
- John the Baptist gave an important clue - the **fire**.

#### **4. When the New Testament church was born on the day of Pentecost and the Holy Ghost was first given, it was accompanied with the demonstration of **WIND** and **FIRE**.**

- God was letting it be known to all, that a new dispensation, a new era, was beginning -- the dispensation of the New Testament Church (Dispensation of Grace). This demonstration of wind and fire occurred only at the birth of the Church Age although we have lived 2,000 years in the Church Age.

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.

#### **5. When the law (Ten Commandments, etc.) was first given at Mount Sinai there was a great visible display and demonstration of God's power (thundering, lightning and smoke).**

- God was letting it be known to all, that a new dispensation, a new era, was beginning -- the Dispensation of the Law. This demonstration of thundering, lightning and smoke occurred only at the initial giving of the Law, although they lived under the Law for 1,500 years.

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Exodus 19:14-16

14 And Moses went down from the mount unto the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their clothes.

15 And he said unto the people, Be ready against the third day: come not at your wives.

16 And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were **thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud**; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled.

Exodus 20:3, 4, 16

3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: . . .

16 And all the people saw the **thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking**: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off.

### **II. New Testament - Under the Law (Before the ascension of Christ) - (It is getting closer):**

#### **C. Jesus' last words after His death and resurrection and just before His ascension.**

Mark 16:15-17

15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

17 And **these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;**

Luke 24:45-53

45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

48 And ye are witnesses of these things.

49 **And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.**

50 And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

51 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

52 And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy:

53 And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

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Acts 1:3-14

3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

4 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.**

6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

8 **But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you:** and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

12 Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.

13 And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.

14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

### **D. Apostle Peter is given the Keys to the Kingdom.**

Matt. 16:18-19

18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

19 **And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven:** and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

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### **III. New Testament - Under the Grace Dispensation**

**(After the ascension of Christ) - *(It is here and available):***

#### **A. The Birth of the New Testament Church on the day of Pentecost -- the new birth experience was given.**

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 Spirit gave them utterance.**

#### **B. Apostle Peter uses the keys to the Kingdom to open the door of The Kingdom to every class of people to receive the new birth experience.**

##### **1. The Jews receive the new birth experience:**

Acts 2:14-18

14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:  
15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.  
16 **But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;**  
17 **And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:**  
18 **And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:**

Acts 2:37-39, 41, 42

37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, **Men and brethren, what shall we do?**  
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.**  
41 **Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.**  
42 **And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.**

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### 2. The Gentiles receive the new birth experience:

Acts 10:30-35

30 And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing,

31 And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God.

**32 Send therefore to Joppa, and call hither Simon, whose surname is Peter; he is lodged in the house of one Simon a tanner by the sea side: who, when he cometh, shall speak unto thee.**

33 Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.

34 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

35 But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

Acts 10:44-48

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?**

48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

### 3. The Samaritans receive the new birth experience:

Acts 8:5-20

5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.

6 And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

7 For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.

8 And there was great joy in that city.

9 But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one:

10 To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God.

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11 And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries.

12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

13 Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.

14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, **they sent unto them Peter and John:**

15 **Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:**

16 **(For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)**

17 **Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.**

18 **And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,**

19 Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.

20 But Peter said unto him, **Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.**

### **III. New Testament - Under the Grace Dispensation**

**(After the ascension of Christ) – *(It is here and available):***

#### **C. Apostle Paul**

##### **1. His Conversion and new birth experience:**

Acts 9:1-6

1 And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

2 And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

5 **And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest:** it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, **Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.**

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Acts 9:9-15

9 And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.

10 And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.

11 And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,

12 And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.

13 Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:

14 And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.

15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

Acts 9:17-18

17 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even **Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.**

18 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

### **2. Apostle Paul's teachings concerning the new birth Experience:**

Acts 19:1-6

1 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.**

2 Cor. 4:6-7

6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

7 But we have this **treasure in earthen vessels**, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

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Rom. 14:17

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

Eph. 1:13-14

13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were **sealed with that Holy Spirit** of promise,  
14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Eph. 1:13-14

13 And because of what Christ did, all you others too, who heard the Good News about how to be saved, and trusted Christ, were **marked as belonging to Christ by the Holy Spirit**, who long ago had been promised to all of us Christians.

14 His presence within us is God's guarantee that he really will give us all that he promised; and the Spirit's seal upon us means that God has already purchased us and that he guarantees to bring us to himself. This is just one more reason for us to praise our glorious God. TLB

1 Cor. 14:18-19

18 I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all:

19 Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.

### **D. Apostle James**

**(Teaching regarding the most unruly member of the body -- the tongue):**

**The tongue is the most difficult member to control. When the Spirit has control of the tongue, it has control of the entire being.**

James 3:2-12

2 For in many things we offend all. **If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.**

3 Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.

4 Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.

5 Even so the **tongue is a little member**, and boasteth great things. **Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!**

6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is **the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.**



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7 For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind:

8 **But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.**

9 Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.

10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

11 Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?

12 Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.

### **IV. Why did God chose speaking with tongues?**

#### **1. Speaking in tongues is an obvious, external, uniform sign of receiving the Holy Ghost.**

Acts 10:44-48 Apostle Peter preaching to Cornelius

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?**

48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord.

Acts 11:15-17 Peter explaining to others how they knew that the Gentiles had received the Holy Ghost.

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?**

#### **2. The tongue is the most difficult member of the body to control.**

**When God has control of our tongue, He has control of our whole being.**

James 3:2-8

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Prov. 18:21

21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue.

### 3. From the heart the mouth speaketh.

Matt. 12:34

34 . . . for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

## V. The Baptism of the Holy Ghost is a:

### 1. PROMISE

Luke 24:49 And, behold, I send the **promise** of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Acts 2:39 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.

### 2. COMFORTER

John 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another **Comforter**, that he may abide with you for ever;

John 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the **Comforter** will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

### 3. TEACHER

John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall **teach** you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

- Teach us how to move from being a carnal man to being a spiritual man.
- Help us grow us from a babe in Christ to a mature saint.

Eph. 4:13 . . . unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.

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### 4. GUIDE

John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will **guide** you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

- He will guide us into His eternal will and purpose for our lives.

### 5. GIFT

Acts 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.

Acts 10:44-45

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.

### 6. GOD'S SEAL OF OWNERSHIP

Eph. 1:13-14

13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were **sealed with that Holy Spirit** of promise,  
14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Eph. 1:13-14

13 And because of what Christ did, all you others too, who heard the Good News about how to be saved, and trusted Christ, were **marked as belonging to Christ by the Holy Spirit**, who long ago had been promised to all of us Christians.  
14 His presence within us is God's guarantee that he really will give us all that he promised; and the Spirit's seal upon us means that God has already purchased us and that he guarantees to bring us to himself. This is just one more reason for us to praise our glorious God. TLB

### 7. WITNESS THAT WE DWELL IN HIM AND HE IN US

I John 3:24 And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he **abideth in us**, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

### 8. BRINGS PEACE AND JOY

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

### 9. GIVES US POWER

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive **power**, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.