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18-0207 - From Salvation to Redemption Pt.1 (Baptism of The Holy Spirit)- Samuel Dale

JONAH 2:9-10

- » **9** † But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD.
- * 10 † ¶ And the LORD spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.

EPHESIANS 1:4-14

- » **4** † According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:
- » **5** † Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,
- » 6 † To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.
- y 7 † In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;
- * 8 † Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;
- » **9** † Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:
- **10** † That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:
- » **11** † In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:
- That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.
- » **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,
- \gg **14** † Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

1A) HEBREWS 9:1-8

- \rightarrow 1 \uparrow ¶ Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary.
- » **2** † For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary.
- And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all;
- » **4** † Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant;
- » **5** † And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly.
- Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God.
- » **7** † But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people:
- » **8** † ¶ The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing:

1B) HEBREW LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 3444 - Salvation

3444 » yshuw'ah {yesh-oo'-aw} h'[Wv>y feminine passive participle of 3467; TWOT -- 929b; n f

- 1) salvation, deliverance
 - 1a) welfare, prosperity
 - 1b) deliverance
 - 1c) salvation (by God)
 - 1d) victory

1C) GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 630 - Redemption

630 » apoluo {ap-ol-oo'-o} ajpoluvw from 575 and 3089; TDNT -- omitted, omitted; vb

AV -- release (17)
-- put away (14)
-- send away (13)
-- let go (13)
-- set at liberty (2)
-- let depart (2)
-- dismiss (2)
-- misc (6) [69]

1) to set free

1) JOHN 7:38-39

- **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.)

2) 64-0614M THE.UNVEILING.OF.GOD_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-9 N-1 SUNDAY_

- « 110 † Before, if any man walked in behind that veil, it was sudden death. Amen. Oh, we're going to get a lesson here in a minute, see, if you can--you can receive It. To walk behind them skins... Even one of the priest's sons tried to do it one time, and died. "Don't go behind that veil." The man that walked behind... Why? There was no redemption yet, in that. It was potentially. It was just potential. And anything potential is not the real thing yet, see, just potentially. It was redemption... Sin was covered, not omitted... remitted, rather, not remitted. Remitted is "divorce and put away." And so the blood of sheep and goats could not do that, so Jehovah was hid behind a veil. Now, back behind this veil where He was hid, to enter into that, a man dropped dead, to try to enter into It.
- 3) 63-1110M SOULS.THAT.ARE.IN.PRISON.NOW_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-22 SUNDAY_
- « **140** † But one day He rose from There, come forth. Where was the Book at? It was still in the abstract Owner, God Almighty. And John looked around, and he wept, because there was no man even worthy to look on the Book and, especially, open the Seals, to reveal what the hidden mystery was.
- 141 The mysteries was in the Seven Seals. When these Seven Seals was opened, that opened up the entire Bible. The Seven Seals; It was sealed with Seven Mysteries, and in these Seven Seals held the entire mystery of It. And it was the Book of Redemption, New Testament.
- 142 Not the Old. It only proclaimed for the New Testament. "They have been made... cannot be made perfect without us," Hebrews 11. See? See? Now, the redemption only come when the Redeemer died. And they were potentially under the blood of lambs, not the Redeemer; hadn't been redeemed yet, until the Redeemer came.
- 4) 65-0425 GOD'S.PROVIDED.PLACE.OF.WORSHIP_ LOS.ANGELES.CA V-18 N-2 SUNDAY_

 « 180 † Notice also them saints of the Old Testament. Potentially, under the old sacrifice, they were waiting for this new one to come, had a good conscience towards God. In Matthew 27, we're told that, when Jesus raised and come out of the grave. Which, we just celebrated a few weeks ago, Easter. The Bible said that, "Many of the saints that was sleeping in the dust of the earth, raised up at His resurrection, and come into the city and appeared to many." What were they? They were manifestations of God's promised Word. The only place that God meets, under that sacrifice.
- 5) 57-0922M JESUS.CHRIST.THE.SAME.YESTERDAY.TODAY.AND.FOREVER_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN « E-10 † Now the prophets could not be sanctified (potentially) by the offering of a bull, or an ox, or something, or a sheep, or a heifer. They were potentially under that blood (as the brother, most gallantly, has presented) that they could be sanctified, potentially, under the... looking forward to the atonement being made perfect. For under the blood of bulls, when the bull died, or the heifer died, or the sheep died, the life in that blood could not come back on the prophet because it was a animal's life; and a animal's life would bring the prophet to an animal.

6) 54-1212 HE.SWORE.BY.HIMSELF_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-26 N-11 SUNDAY_

« 251 † Man dropped plumb down to here. The blood of sheep and goats held him this far, as potentially, until the fullness of time came. Then God came down Himself, not an Angel, not a Cherubim, but God came from heaven and went all the way to hell to bring man up from hell to heaven with Him. He come hunting the lost sheep. He found him, and put him on His shoulder, and climbing the ladder today with him, going towards glory. "If I be lifted up from the earth, I'll draw all men unto Me."

7A) 62-1104M BLASPHEMOUS.NAMES_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-21 SUNDAY_

- « **90** † Now, there is some of these Things you might miserably disagree with. So if there is, just like I always said about eating fried chicken, "When you hit the bone, you don't throw the chicken away. You throw the bone away." So always do that. "Eating cherry pie, and you run into a seed, you wouldn't throw the pie away. You just throw the seed away." So you do the same thing in listening to This.
- 91 Now, I--I believe that--that the--the reason that there is so much confusion today, about the Holy Spirit, it's not correctly taught. I believe that the baptism is taught... and just say "the baptism."
- **92 But then be like you say "automobile."** But now I've got several mechanics in this church, and I don't know one thing about it. So if I make a mistake, brethren, I'm... Remember, I'm not a mechanic. There has to be coils, and plugs, and points, and valves, and everything else, that makes the automobile.
- 93 And when you talk about the baptism of the Holy Spirit, there's a lot goes with That. Huh? See? There's a lot goes with That. And here is what I think that God is proving: the Holy Spirit is here. See?

7) 54-0720A THE.MANIAC.OF.GADARA_ CHICAGO.IL TUESDAY_

« E-60 † I--I'm not a debater, a fusser, but I sure called his hand on it the other day. He wrote a little book called, "Jibber-Jabbers, Tongue Talkers." And I said, "It's pure blasphemy." Absolutely, blaspheming the Holy Ghost... He tried to say that--that nobody... Said, "John the Baptist received the Holy Ghost and didn't speak in tongues. And a lot of these received the Holy Ghost," and so forth like that, and never said anything about tongues, Zacharias and them.

I said, "That was before the Holy Ghost was ever given." Yes, sir.

He said, "Well, they said they had the..."

I said, "Now, they did not say they had the baptism of the Holy Ghost."

« E-61 † Adam had the Holy Ghost potentially. That's right. All the prophets as they was moved by the Holy Ghost. But the... Saint John said that--that the Holy Ghost had not yet come, for Jesus had not yet been glorified. That's right.

And I said... Well said, "They never spoke with tongues."

I said, "There was only one of them that did speak with tongues."

Said, "Jesus received the Holy Ghost and never spoke with tongues."

8) 64-0830M QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.3_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN COD SUNDAY_

- * 275 † I haven't got time now to--to give you Scripture; you just look it up when you get home, 'cause I don't know... My mind... Have to look back here in my concordance to pick it up. Jesus told Peter, who had been both saved and sanctified... He believed on Jesus, was sanctified. St. John 17:17, Jesus said, "Sanctify them, Father, through the Truth; Thy Word is the Truth." And He and the Word is the same. They were sanctified, potentially, through the Truth, the Word, the Truth. And then, Jesus told Judas--or--or Peter the night of the betrayal, He said, "After you are converted, then strengthen your brother"--after you're converted.
- « 276 † The man had followed Him for three years and had name on the Lamb's Book of Life, and had cast out devils, and done great works, and healed, and done all kind of--preached the Word, and everything, and still wasn't converted. See the... You're leading to conversion. See?

9) 63-0320 THE.THIRD.SEAL_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN WEDNESDAY_

« **172** † There are three that bear record in heaven: the Father, the Word (which is Christ), and the Holy Ghost, and these three agree in One. They're not One, but they agree in One. And there are three that bear record... Or they are One, I mean. I'm mistaken. The... And the three that bear record in earth is the water, blood, and spirit, and they agree in one.

You can be sanctified without being justified, and you can be justified without being sanctified. You can be sanctified without receiving the Holy Ghost. It's exactly. The disciples in John 17:17 was sanctified and given power to cast out devils and still didn't have the Holy Ghost. See? Sure. Had to go up to Pentecost and wait till the Holy Ghost come. That's where Judas showed his colors. See how that spirit worked its way through justification and sanctification, but when it come to the end, he showed his color. (See?) That's right.

10) ACTS 1:8

» 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.

11) « 144-2 † SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4

Now before we leave this subject I want to make myself very clear on what the Baptism with the Holy Ghost is according to the Word. It is not according to me, and it is not according to you. It has to be according to "Thus saith the Lord," or we are falsely led. Amen.

12) 57-0303A

WHY.IS.IT.THAT.SO.MANY.CHRISTIANS.FIND.IT.SO.HARD.TO.LIVE.THE.CHRISTIAN.LIFE_

« E-16 † When the Holy Spirit begins to say that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and that falls in an old, dry church hide, you know what happens? They just blow up. That's all.

If you say the baptism of the Holy Spirit was promised on the day of Pentecost to you, and to your children, and to them that is far off, even as many as the Lord, our God shall call, the old dry skin just bursts open, and you lose your sermon. That's right. It doesn't do any good. And I'm ashamed that Pentecostals skins are drying like that. That's right. Come back to the Word.

Notice. Now, a new skin... He said, "New wine is put into new bottles," and the new skin has oil in it: flexible. And then when the Holy Spirit comes down and says, "The baptism of the Holy Spirit is the same today as it ever was, Divine Healing is the same as it ever was," that new wine begins to spread out and the skin gives with it. Every time the Word of God is preached in Its power, the new skin will holler, "Amen." It'll give away. So you see the wisdom in a new bottle for new wine.

13) « 154-1 † SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4

What is the Baptism with the Holy Ghost? It is the Spirit Baptizing you into the body of Christ. It is the new birth. It is the Spirit of God coming in and filling you after you have repented, (having heard His Word) and been baptized in water as an answer of a good conscience toward God.

14) 63-0324M QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.ON.THE.SEALS_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN SUNDAY_

« 52 † You see, each one of those ages only taken a dip into the Holy Spirit. Justification is a work of the Holy Spirit; sanctification is a work of the Holy Spirit, but the baptism is the Holy Spirit.

That's the reason it took a prophetic prophet to come down, no messenger to the age, 'cause the Holy Ghost came Himself in His fullness of the baptism. But at the end of the age, as it always ends upon the others, we find there then, the messenger sent; and all these scruples and things are to be placed in their places (See?), like that. Then the rapture comes for the Church.

But as many is allotting all these different things: the sun turning to darkness, the moon... They put that way back there in the Christian age. They just failed to see them three questions was asked our Lord there (See?), when He answered them.

15) 64-0802 THE.FUTURE.HOME.OF.THE.HEAVENLY.BRIDEGROOM.AND.THE.EARTHLY.BRIDE_

« 86 † Notice how God makes it plain to us. And if that wasn't a--a great confirmation, a good... a great, loving blessing from God! When I see this, and see that since a boy, first time ever Christ dealt with me, I've still always taught those three stages of grace. Notice if it isn't true now.

16) 54-0719A GOD'S.PROVIDED.WAY.OF.HEALING_ CHICAGO.IL MONDAY_

« **E-48** † Now, there's... I don't see people but what's old enough to understand this, and I--I got a mixed congregation. This would be a doctor's talk, and I'm your brother, so listen. In the life, the first thing in a baby, when it's borned a natural birth, the first thing is water (Is that right?), blood, then spirit. It's got twitching of muscles, but not till it's born has it life. Now notice, but I mean breathing life, you know what I... Now look, so is it in the spiritual birth. The first thing, the things that come out of Jesus' body wa--the elements that came from His body is what makes up the spiritual body. When Jesus died what came from Him--what did come out of His body? Water, Blood, and Spirit. Is that right. Now, that's the things that makes up the supernatural birth. The... When a man is borned again, he's--three elements that he has to go through: Water, Blood, Spirit: justification by faith, believing on the Lord; sanctification, that life being cleansed up; And the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Not three works of grace, one grace...

Notice, justification by faith, sanctification through the Blood, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost. When a baby is born water, blood, and spirit. When a baby's born, new born baby in heaven, he comes through water, Blood, and Spirit. The natural types the spiritual. Every thing on the earth. That was my first Bible, to watch nature. You get nature typed up with God, and you find out you got the same thing.

17) 54-1212 HE.SWORE.BY.HIMSELF_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-26 N-11 SUNDAY_

« **140** † He said, "Go get me a heifer of three years old." Watch, three. Everything in the Bible is a three. Three blends to a one. See? Father, Son, Holy Spirit, not three Gods: One. Faith, hope, and charity, not three different things, but all the essence of one: love.

Now, then there was justification, sanctification, the baptism of the Holy Ghost, **not three different dispensations**, **not three works of grace**, **but one work in three different manifestations**. Same Holy Spirit was with Luther, under justification was under Wesley with sanctification; in the Church now, in the baptism of the Holy Ghost: the same Holy Spirit, not two Holy Spirits, the same Holy Spirit.

18) 59-0708M DEDICATION.OF.BUILDING.TO.THE.LORD_ CLEVELAND.TN WEDNESDAY

« E-15 † Three room house... You yourself are abiding in a three room house. You are soul, body, and spirit. You are three compartments. God dwells in three. God is perfected in three. The Church is perfected in three. The mathematics of the Bible does not fail. The sevens in worship, and the twenty fours in the temptations, and forties in the jubilees, and fifties. The mathematics of the Bible run perfect. God is perfect in three. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost make the one perfect God, three offices of the same God.

The Church is perfected through justification, sanctification, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Then you're sealed until the day of your redemption. And he that's once purged by the Blood of Jesus Christ has no more desire of sin. You passed from death unto Life.

19) 63-0320 THE.THIRD.SEAL_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN WEDNESDAY_

« 169 † But then, if the Pentecostal message was the last message which justification, sanctification, the baptism of the Holy Ghost... The last three messages, the last three church ages forms the complete birth. Just like when a woman is having-going to have her baby. The actual first thing happens is water; the next thing's blood; the next thing's life. When they killed Jesus at the cross, the substance come from His body to make up the new--to make up the--the birth. They stuck His side, blood and water came out, and "Into Thy hands I commend My Spirit." What came from His body was water, blood, spirit. I John 5:7 tells you about that.

20) 53-0325 ISRAEL.AND.THE.CHURCH.1_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN IC 1-34 WEDNESDAY_

« 94 † Now, here He comes, torn, riven, tore to pieces. His soul went to God. God blessed Him. And then His soul returned back in the form of the baptism of the Holy Ghost that comes into every believer, to sanctify, clean up the mind, clean up the heart, and leave a portion of the Holy Ghost in there, here and there. And when the Holy Ghost is given out, that same Holy Spirit that brought the Body of Jesus out of the grave, will rapture. And that covenant has to dovetail, as He tore there and gave the Body; went back to God, and the Spirit came back to the earth. Then your Spirit will have to be the same kind of Spirit, or it'll miss that place going together. Amen. Yes, sir. Not because you make yourself, but because Something, the love of God has swept into your soul and tore every earthly idol out. There it is.

21) 57-0419 THE.PERFECTION_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN ER 35-54 FRIDAY_

« 46 † Again, how do we get into that Body? I Corinthians 12:13 says that by one Spirit... How does the Spirit come? Through the Sacrifice. Where did the Spirit lay? Within the Blood. Why couldn't the animal come back? It was an animal. The animal spirit could not come to the human spirit and do anything to it, because the human spirit was a higher line of life than the animal. But no other man's spirit could

come back. If you've got the spirit of some ancestor, it's spiritualism. But God Himself came, that His Own Spirit, which is the highest line of Spirit there is, can come back by the form of the baptism of the Holy Spirit to the worshipper, through the Blood of Christ, and take him into the Body. He's safe.

22) « 154-1 † SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4

What is the Baptism with the Holy Ghost? It is the Spirit Baptizing you into the body of Christ. It is the new birth. It is the Spirit of God coming in and filling you after you have repented, (having heard His Word) and been baptized in water as an answer of a good conscience toward God.

« 154-2 † What we have just set forth would be much easier for all to understand if all believed the doctrine of the oneness of the Godhead. For there are not three persons in that Godhead but ONE. Thus we are NOT born again by the Spirit of Life of Jesus coming in, and then subsequent to that the Holy Spirit coming in to give us power. If that were true, why are we dishonoring the Father by not giving Him a part in our complete salvation, for if salvation is of the Lord and there are three Lords, then HE (Father) must have something to do, too. But surely it can be seen that Jesus made this very clear that it was He and He alone Who is God and it is He and He alone Who is coming into the believer.

John 14:16 says that the Father will send another Comforter.

But verse 17 says that He (Jesus) dwelleth with them and should be IN them later.

In verse 18 He says He will come to them.

In verse 23 in speaking to the disciples He said, "We (Father and Son) will come unto him." Thus it is the Father, Son and Holy Ghost all coming in at the one time for IT IS ONE PERSON comprising the Godhead. That advent took place at Pentecost. There aren't two comings of the Spirit, just one. The trouble is that people don't know the real truth, and they simply believe in Jesus for remission of sin but never go on to receive the Spirit.

23) « 144-2 † SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4

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« 144-3 † SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4

To begin with you will notice that in my meetings when I have finished preaching an evangelistic service, or some teaching message, I cast the net and invite a response from the people. I ask them to come forward and receive the Holy Spirit. My Pentecostal friends, upon hearing me say this believe that I am inviting people to come forward to be baptized with the Holy Ghost because they are already born again. So when I invite those who are Spirit-filled to come and deal with those who have answered the invitation to receive the Spirit, these dear ones surge forward and deal with the people in such manner as to encourage them to yield to God and believe to speak in tongues. This has caused a great deal of confusion and I want to tell you exactly what I mean. I mean for the sinner to come forward and be born again, which is to be baptized into the body of Christ by the Holy Ghost which is exactly what took place at Pentecost when the church was launched. In other words, to be born of the Spirit is to be truly baptized with the Holy Ghost. It is one and the same.

« 144-4 † SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4

Now I realize that it is going to be confusing for a moment here, as most people know that I was ordained a Baptist preacher and I have steadfastly declared that the Baptists have missed it for saying you receive the Holy Ghost WHEN you believe, for that is not so. You receive Him "SINCE you believed."

Acts 19:2-6.

"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.

And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

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.

When they heard this, they were baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus.

And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came upon them: and they spake with tongues, and prophesied."

There it is. Paul asked, "Have you received SINCE, NOT WHEN you believed." And there is a great difference there, for it is AFTER we believe that we receive. Ephesians 1:13 is an exact word repeat of what happened in Ephesus according to Acts 19,

"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 (not when ye believed), ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise."

Now here is my point. Too many of our modernists and even our fundamentalists (so-called) believe unto salvation at a certain specific time which in many cases is called "making a decision," and that has been called receiving Christ or being born again. Now to receive Christ is to receive His Spirit. To receive His Spirit is to be born again. To receive His Spirit is to be baptized with the Holy Ghost. Amen. These folks believe. That is wonderful. But they stop there. You receive the Holy Ghost AFTER you believe. It has always been that way and always will be. The very first word of direction to the people was by Peter at Pentecost and he said,

"Repent and be baptized every one of you, in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost,

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."

« 145-1 † SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4

These directions came as a direct answer from Peter relative to what had actually happened at Pentecost.

What came to pass was that God according to Joel was pouring out the promised Holy Spirit upon all flesh. He was not poured out before that time or given before that time. This was it. But THIS was to come from now on by repenting, being baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and then God was duty bound to fill the ones who came. Peter, or any of the apostles never said, "Ye must be born again, and then filled with the Spirit."

« 146-1 † SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4

That this is the pattern of experience relative to receiving the Holy Spirit, note carefully the very next time that the Spirit fell upon a people.

Acts 8:5-17,

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

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

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.

And there was great joy in that city.

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

To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God. And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries.

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.

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

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

Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (For as yet He was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus.)

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

According to verse 12, THEY BELIEVED THE WORD. They were then baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus. But according to verse 16, in spite of all that, they had STILL NOT RECEIVED THE HOLY SPIRIT. It was only AFTER believing and being baptized correctly that they received the Holy Ghost. That is the exact pattern as set forth by Peter in Acts 2:38-39.

« 146-2 † SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4

Another Scripture that casts wondrous light on this is found in Galatians 3:13-14,

"Cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree:

That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ, that (in order that) we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."

Now by no means can it be said that the "blessing of Abraham" is the rebirth, and that the "promise of the Spirit" is the Baptism with the Holy Ghost as two separate events. For the Scripture reads thus: "Jesus died on the cross, and by means of that death and resurrection, the blessing of

Abraham came on the Gentiles, leaving the Jews. This transpired in order that the Spirit might become available to the Gentiles."

« 147-1 † SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4

To understand what I have just said is to clear up why students have never ever found Paul saying at any time, "Be born again and THEN be Spirit-filled." They have inferred it is there, and they have put their own meanings to make it say it, BUT SCRIPTURE DOES NOT SAY THAT. Jesus never said it either.

Look at John 7:37-39, and read it now with understanding.

"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.

He that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (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.)"

Now it says here distinctly and emphatically that the believer upon drinking by coming unto Jesus in faith would have rivers of living waters pouring out of him. And it places this experience at Pentecost.

Now keeping this thought in mind we read John 4: 10 & 14,

"If thou knewest the gift of God, and Who it is that saith to thee, Give Me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of Him, and He would have given thee living water.

But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

This same living water is mentioned, but this time it is not called a river; it is called an artesian well. There is where the people make their mistake. Because it is called a well and a river, they think that in one place it is eternal life given by the Spirit and in the next place where it is called a river (implying a great dynamism) it has to be the Spirit now given as an enduement of power. Not so. It is one and the same. It is the Spirit that gives life and power, and that came at Pentecost.

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What is it that caused this misunderstanding? The answer is, "EXPERIENCE". We have gone by experience and not the Word. Away with experience as your measuring line. There is only one plumb line, only one rod, and that is the WORD. Now watch carefully and get this. Peter said, "Repent and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sin and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Paul said, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost SINCE ye believed?" This is the whole of our problem right here. People repent of their sins, they get baptized in water, BUT THEY DON'T GO ON AND RECEIVE THE HOLY GHOST. YOU BELIEVE UNTO RECEIVING THE SPIRIT.

Believing on Jesus is the step in the right direction which is toward the Holy Ghost. But the people stop there. They go as far as water and then stop. They believe, and then stop. The Bible does not say that you receive WHEN you believe. It is, "Have you received the Holy Ghost SINCE you believed?" The exact and literal translation is: "Did ye, having previously believed, receive the Holy Ghost?" The people believe and then stop. You don't receive the Holy Ghost when you believe UNTO Him, having repented. You go on and receive the Holy Ghost. Do you see it? That is what is wrong with our fundamentalists. They have no power for they stop short of Pentecost.

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They are like the children of Israel who came out of Egypt and stopped short of the Promised Land. Now those children of Israel left Egypt about two million strong. They all journeyed together, all saw the same miracles of God, all partook of the same manna and water from the smitten rock, all followed the same cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night but ONLY TWO reached the Promised Land. ONLY TWO WERE TRUE OR REAL BELIEVERS. That is correct because the Word tells us that the rest died because of unbelief; and because of unbelief they could not enter in (Hebrews 3:19). Then since that is so, and only TWO ENTERED, then the rest were not true believers. What made the difference? Two stayed with the Word. When the hearts of the ten spies failed at Kadesh Barnea, Joshua and Caleb did not stagger for they believed the Word and said, "We are more than able to take the land." They knew they could because God had said, "I have given you the land." After all those Israelites saw of the power and goodness and deliverance of God they did not enter into rest, which is a type of the Holy Ghost. So you can see right now that very few will ever believe all the way to receiving the Spirit of God.