

The Gift of the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:38

Intro: The Gifts of God Series: The Gift of His Word; The Gift of Grace (Eph 4:7); The Gift of His Son (Isa 9:6); The Gift of the Messiah (Micah 5:2-5); Today - The Gift of the Holy Spirit

1. Establish that the Holy Spirit is a Gift!

Acts 2:38³⁸ Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 8:20²⁰ But Peter said to him, “Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money!

Acts 10:45⁴⁵ And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also.

2. How do we Receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit?

Acts 11:17¹⁷ If therefore God gave them the same gift as He gave us when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God?”

Ephesians 1:13¹³ In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

3. What is the Holy Spirit? (Who?)

John 14:26²⁶ But the Helper (Parakletos/Comforter), the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

John 15:26²⁶ “But when the Helper (Parakletos/Comforter) comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

Parakletos - person called in to help, summoned to give assistance,” gives us the meaning of “helper in court (Theo. Dict. Of N.T.)

4. What Does the Gift Do?

John 16:5-14⁵ “But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’⁶ But because I have said these

things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.⁷ Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.⁸ And when He has come, (1) He will convict the world of sin, (2) and of righteousness, (3) and of judgment:⁹ of sin, because they do not believe in Me;¹⁰ of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; ¹¹ of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.¹² “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.¹³ However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, (4) He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; (5) and He will tell you things to come.¹⁴ He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.

John 15:26 He will testify of Me!

John 14:26 – He will teach you all things; Bring/Remembrance

Romans 8:26²⁶ Likewise the Spirit (6) also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Romans 15:13¹³ Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, (7) that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

5. What about being Filled/Baptized by the Holy Spirit?

1. When we are Saved – “WE” are Sealed/Guaranteed! – **Eph 1:13-14**

2. What about Others??? Promise of Father – The Empowering?

John 20:22²² And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:4-8 – Promise of the Father – Baptism/Holy Spirit – Witnesses!

Acts 2:4, 4:8, 4:31...

Luke 11:13¹³ If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

6. Through Gift/Holy Spirit, access to Gifts/Holy Spirit

1 Corin 12:4(-11)⁴ There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

Communion – 1st Step is Believing! Receiving! Blessing!