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Part 1: What Must I Do to Be Saved?

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God's Plan Is for Everyone!

John 10:10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

The devil's plan is to kill, and to steal, and to destroy us. God's plan is for everyone to have an abundant life.

We believe for anyone to live and lead a fruitful and fulfilling Christian life, they must be born of the Spirit and possess the fruit of the Spirit in order to show others who Christ is and what He is like (**Galatians 5:22-23**). They also need the power of the Holy Ghost in order to be an overcomer and do works like Jesus did while He was on earth (**John 14:12**).

We will examine being born of the Spirit as well as being filled with the Holy Ghost.

PART I

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

Acts 16:30-31 *And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."*

The four most common words used in the Word of God referring to our relationship with Jesus are:

- **Believers**
- **Born Again**
- **Saved or Salvation**
- **Christians**

Believers

John 3:16 *For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

John 5:24 *Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.*

Born Again

- The Word of God teaches that we must believe, commit to, and fully rely on Jesus in order to be born again. This is more than mental assent. It is embracing and receiving Jesus for who He is and what He has done to purchase salvation for mankind.

John 3:3, 7 *Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'"*

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•Believing in Jesus, who is God's gift to mankind, is what we do that enables us to be born again. He gives us a new life. Old things pass away and all things become new (**2 Corinthians 5:17**). This new birth and this new life given to us is the result of our acceptance and belief in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son. Therefore, we are born again (spiritually) when we accept Jesus and His finished work on the cross. We now walk in newness of life as we walk with Jesus whom God raised from the dead.

Saved or Salvation

Mark 16:15-18 *And He said to them, Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.*

Romans 10:9-13 *If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

Acts 4:12 *Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. His name is JESUS!*

•Being saved means that we are saved from the corruption and destruction of this world and from damnation in the next life. Salvation is best said by Jesus in:

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Christian(s)

Acts 11:26 *And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.*

Acts 26:28 *Then Agrippa said to Paul, "You almost persuade me to become a Christian."*

- The term "Christian" means Christ-like. This is a lifestyle. When you believe on Jesus, and are born again, you receive salvation. Then this new life will reveal a desire to change and a desire to serve Jesus instead of yourself (**2 Corinthians 5:15**). Your new life will take on the likeness of Christ. Becoming a Christian must be your daily walk. As you submit to Him and obey His Word, you become more and more like Him.

The Importance of Knowing You Are Saved

- After you have met God's requirement to be born again, it is important you know you are now a believer. If you live in doubt, your life will be filled with frustration and futility. The Bible teaches us that we can know for sure we have eternal life.

1 John 5:13 *These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may **KNOW** that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.*

John 14:1-6 *Let not your heart be troubled: you believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and*

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receive you unto myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know. Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Questions

1. Do you believe that salvation is for everyone who will believe on Jesus?
2. Do you believe that you have been born again and are saved?
3. Do you believe that because you have been born again and are saved that you have everlasting life, and when you die, you go to heaven?
4. Do you believe that while Jesus' death provides you with eternal life, that believing in His resurrection, you have abundant life now in this life?

PRAYER

I believe and call on the name of JESUS. I ASK YOU TO FORGIVE ME of all my sins. I believe you died for me and your blood has washed away all my sins. Thank you for saving me. I will obey and serve you all my life.

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Now That You Have Believed, Are You Ready to Receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost?

- "Have ye received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost since you believed?" was Paul's question.

Acts 19:1-6 And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples, he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Ghost when you believed?"

So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Ghost."

And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?"

So they said, "Into John's baptism."

Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would 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 hands on them, the Holy Ghost came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

The Father Has Good Things in Store for Those Who Believe

Luke 11:11-13 If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him

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a scorpion? 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!"

•Is being born again the same as receiving the Baptism of the HOLY GHOST? NO!

•When we are born again, we receive the person and the presence of the Holy Spirit. But just because He is present and living within us doesn't mean we have given Him full control of our lives.

•IS THE FULLNESS OF THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST for today?

•IS THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST for every BELIEVER?

John 14:15-17 If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it sees him not, neither knows Him: but you know him; FOR HE DWELLS WITH YOU AND SHALL BE IN YOU.

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.

John 15:26-27 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of Truth, which proceeds from the Father, He shall testify of Me: And you also shall bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

John 16:7-8, 13-14 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. And when He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

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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 show you things to come. He shall glorify me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.

- **Jesus commanded them to receive the HOLY GHOST.**

Acts 1:4-8 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but “wait for the promise of the Father, which,” said He, “you have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but you shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. But you shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and you shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

- **after you receive the HOLY GHOST,**
• **Jesus told them, you shall receive power, ability, and might**

Acts 2:1-4 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

- **This was the first time for people to be filled with the HOLY GHOST. Everyone was filled with the HOLY GHOST!**

- **The HOLY GHOST IS FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN AND ALL THAT ARE CALLED BY GOD!**

Acts 2:38-39 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. 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.”

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Acts 8:12 *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. Philip preached and they were saved and baptized.*

Acts 8:14-17 *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.*

- Then Peter and John came, laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.
- This shows that the people had believed on the name of JESUS when Philip preached and received the HOLY GHOST when Peter and John came to pray for them.

Questions

1. Do you believe the FULLNESS/BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST is for you?
2. Have ye received the BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT since you believed?
3. Are you willing to pray and ask God to fill you with the HOLY GHOST?

PRAYER

Father God, I come to you now asking you to fill me with the great HOLY GHOST OF GOD! I receive Him now. Thank you, Father, for giving me the HOLY GHOST!

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- They were ALL filled with the Holy Ghost AND they began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

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Ephesians 5:18 Be not drunk with wine, but be filled with the Spirit.

- Is salvation for everyone? YES!
- Is the HOLY Ghost for everyone? YES!
- Is speaking in tongues for all believers? YES!
- Can everyone who receives the Holy Ghost speak in tongues? YES!

Why Should Believers Speak in Tongues?

Romans 8:26-27 Likewise the Spirit 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. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

1. When you speak in an unknown tongue you speak to God and not man.

1 Corinthians 14:2 For he that speaks in an unknown tongue

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speaks not unto men, but unto God: for no man understands him; howbeit in the spirit he speaks mysteries.

2. When you speak in an unknown tongue you edify yourself.

1 Corinthians 14:4 He that speaks in an unknown tongue edifies himself; but he that prophesies edifies the church.

3. When you speak in an unknown tongue you build yourself up on your most holy faith.

Jude 1:20 But you, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.

- The WORD OF GOD teaches that speaking in an unknown tongue is the way for us to pray according to the will of God. Speaking in tongues was God's plan, and is God's provision for believers to be strong, victorious and fruitful. When we are not fulfilled and fruitful, we find ourselves living in defeat and frustration.
- It is God's will for everyone to be saved, filled with Holy Ghost and speak in an unknown tongue.

Questions

1. Have you ever spoken in an unknown tongue?
2. Do you believe speaking in an unknown tongue is for you?
3. Are you open and ready to receive?

PRAYER

Father, I Thank you for saving me and filling me with the Holy Ghost, and giving me an unknown tongue to pray according to Your will. Help me now to begin to speak in my unknown tongue.

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IMPORTANT AND HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

- In preparation to lead someone in the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, I highly recommend that you familiarize yourself with the scriptures below (and on the opposite page). It would be good to read and meditate on these scriptures.

John 7:37-39 Jesus stood and cried, saying, 'If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believes on me, 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.)

Rom. 8:26-27 Likewise the Spirit 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. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

- The Spirit of God prays according to the will of God.

Jude 1:20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.

Acts 10:44-48 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the Word. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, "Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?"

Acts 19:2-6 Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed? And they said, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said, Unto what then were you 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

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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 on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

1Corinthians 14:1-40