

The Gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38)

Acts 2:38 "...and **you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**"

1. The Term Used for This Word "Gift" (δωρεά)

a. Used only of spiritual gifts given freely by _____ to believers

b. Used only _____ in the New Testament

- Gift of **salvation** through Jesus (2x – Rom 5:15; 2 Cor 9:15)
- Gift of **righteousness** (1x – Rom 5:17)
- Gift of **grace** (2x – Eph 3:7, Paul; 4:7, believers)
- Gift of the **Holy Spirit** (6x)

John 4:10 Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the **gift** of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

Is 44:3 For I will pour water on him who is thirsty, And floods on the dry ground; I will pour My Spirit on your descendants, And My blessing on your offspring;

Jn 7:37-39 On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸ "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." ³⁹ But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Acts 2:38 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 8:20 But Peter said to him, "Your money perish with you, because you thought that the **gift** of God could be purchased with money!

8:18-19 And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, ¹⁹ saying, "Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

Acts 10:45 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.

Acts 11:17 "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?"

Heb 6:4 For *it* is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly **gift**, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit,

2. The _____ of the Gift of the Holy Spirit

a. It happened to the _____ at Pentecost

Acts 2:33 "Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.

Acts 5:32 "And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also *is* the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him."

b. It happened to the _____ believers

Acts 8:15-17 who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. ¹⁶ For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷ Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

c. It happened when _____ believed

Acts 10:44-48 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. ⁴⁵ 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. ⁴⁷ "Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we *have*?" ⁴⁸ And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days. (cf. Acts 11:1-18)

Acts 15:7-9 And when there had been much dispute, Peter rose up *and* said to them: "Men *and* brethren, you know that a good while ago God chose among us, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. ⁸ "So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as *He did* to us, ⁹ "and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith."

d. It happened to _____ disciples

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 ² he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." ³ And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism." ⁴ 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." ⁵ When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

3. Why Did Some Believers Have to _____ to Receive the Holy Spirit?

- Each instance is a purposeful validation of a special _____.*
- There are _____ more delays. God had made the needed points.*
- All Scripture _____ these instances suggests the Holy Spirit is given immediately when one believes (as Acts 2:38 suggests).*
- The Epistles teach that each church-aged believer _____ the Spirit.*