

## ***The Gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38) – Part 2***

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 God to believers**

**b. Used only 11x 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)

**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?"

### **2. The Timing of the Gift of the Holy Spirit**

**a. It happened to the 120 at Pentecost (Acts 2:33; 5:32)**

**b. It happened to the Samaritan believers (Acts 8:15-17)**

**c. It happened when Gentiles believed (Acts 10:44-48; 11:1-18; 15:7-9)**

**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. <sup>8</sup> "So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as *He did* to us, <sup>9</sup> "and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith."

**d. It happened to John's disciples (Acts 19:1-6)**

### **3. Why Did Some Believers Have to Wait to Receive the Holy Spirit?**

**a. Each instance is a purposeful validation of a special group.**

**b. There are no more delays. God had made the needed points.**

**c. All Scripture after these instances suggests the Holy Spirit is given immediately when one believes (as Acts 2:38 suggests).**

**d. The Epistles teach that each church-aged believer has the Spirit.**

### **4. Why Is the Gift of the Holy Spirit So Special?**

**a. This Gift had \_\_\_\_\_ been given broadly or permanently.**

**b. This Gift will be given to all Jews & Gentiles in the \_\_\_\_\_.**

**c. This Gift is unique to all church-age believers: \_\_\_\_\_!**

### **5. How Do We \_\_\_\_\_ We Have the Holy Spirit?**

**a. The Spirit indwelling us is tied to our \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Rom 8:9** But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, **if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you.** Now **if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.**

**Rom 8:11** But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead **dwells in you,** He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

**1 Cor 3:16** Do you not know that you are the temple of God and **that the Spirit of God dwells in you?**

**1 Cor 6:19** Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit **who is in you,** whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

**2 Tim 1:14** That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit **who dwells in us.**

**b. The Spirit is given to a person when one \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Acts 2:38** "**Repent...**and you shall receive the gift..."

**Gal 3:2** This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or **by the hearing of faith?** (cf. 3:5)

**Gal 3:13-14** Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed *is* everyone who hangs on a tree"), <sup>14</sup> that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, **that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.**

**Gal 4:6** And **because you are sons,** God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"

**Eph 1:13-14** 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, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

**c. The Spirit always "has been given" (\_\_\_\_\_ tense) to believers**

**Rom 5:5** Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who **was given** to us.

**2 Cor 1:21-22** Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us *is* God, <sup>22</sup> who also **has sealed** us and **given** us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

**2 Cor 5:5** Now He who has prepared us for this very thing *is* God, who also **has given** us the Spirit as a guarantee.

**1 Thes 4:8** Therefore he who rejects *this* does not reject man, but God, who **has also given** us His Holy Spirit.

**1 John 4:13** By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because **He has given** us of His Spirit.