

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

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***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. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."***  
**(Acts 2:38-39)**

Notice the simplicity of receiving the Holy Spirit. Throughout the years we've been taught many ritualistic doctrines and steps for receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost, but the truth of the matter is, all one need do to receive, is simply ask.

*10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.*

*11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?*

*12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?*

*13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?* (Luke 11:10-13)

When someone offers you a gift, do you refuse it? To receive something means that you possess it. The gift of the Holy Spirit is not something that is granted to you as a reward for tarrying at the altar. Rather, the Holy Spirit is a gift from God that you receive by submitting your life the Lord and asking to receive Him. Because the devil knows how powerful this gift is, he desires to employ any and all hindrances possible to prevent you from receiving the benefits of having the Holy Spirit as a resident part of your salvation.

### **Hindrances to receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit:**

- Receiving Bad teaching
- Harboring Unbelief
- Being Unrepentant

### **THE BENEFITS OF RECEIVING THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

*22*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

*23*Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

*24*And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

*25*If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

*26*Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.  
(Galatians 5:22-26)

