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Baptism of the Holy Ghost

There are a lot of legitimate questions regarding the passage *I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire. (Matthew 3:11 KJV)* The question is, what is the Holy Ghost baptism, and does it apply to us today?

Acts 1:5 makes reference to this statement made by John the Baptist. In the previous verses, the apostles were told to go and remain in Jerusalem for the *promise of the Father* (Acts 1:2-4). In Luke 24:49 the apostles were instructed to go to Jerusalem and wait until they *be endued with power from on high*.

Here is the setting. The selected apostles of Jesus were waiting in Jerusalem for some type of power to be given to them as promised by the Father. Not knowing exactly what this power was to be, Jesus tells them (*Acts 1:5*) *John truly baptized with water, but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence*. Let us not lose sight that Jesus, just moments before His ascension back into heaven, is speaking to His apostles. It was the apostles who were to be baptized not many days hence.

So we advance our thoughts to Acts 2. Here we read about the celebration of the Jewish holiday of Pentecost. It always occurred 50 days after the Passover Feast. Jews from every nation were present for this occasion (Acts 2:5). As you might expect, these Jews being from different parts of the known world spoke in different languages. On this day, the apostles were waiting as they had been instructed in a room, and while there, a strange incident occurred.

(Acts 2:2-4 KJV) *And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. {3} And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. {4} 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 promise from the Father for which they had been waiting.

The ability to speak in different languages (tongues) was the power they were to receive. This event was the baptism of the Holy Ghost that was foretold by John the Baptist back in Matthew 3:11. This was a special event which marked the beginning of the Christian age. The baptism of the Holy Ghost was a promised baptism received by the apostles (also Cornelius in Acts 10) and is different from Christian baptism which is for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38).

We today are expected to obey the gospel by embracing Christian baptism; however, the Holy Ghost baptism is not something that is applicable to us today. ~Larry

Lesson from A Man With One Leg

Dot Chester once gave me the following bulletin article written by Pat Morris.

A lady sat down on a train by a one-legged man. She rode along for a while glancing at him occasionally out of the corner of her eye. Finally, she stood it for as long as she could, and then asked: "Would you mind telling me what happened to your leg?"

"I will if you will not ask another question."

"I promise I will not ask." She replied. "Please tell me."

"My leg was bitten off."

As we read the stories of the Bible, we find some are like that. They make us want to dig further for the answers. In reading the Bible, we can find answers to many questions such as: Why are we here? What is our purpose in life? How can I obtain salvation? as well as many others. As you study this week, write down some of the questions you have in life and begin to study God's word for the answers.

This reminds us that questions are essential to learning. There are a number of sobering questions within the pages of scripture that should cause each of us to do some soul-searching for answers. For instance, on one occasion Pilate asked (Matt. 27:22 KJV) *What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?* What a pertinent question for us to ask today. What will you do with Jesus? Are you willing to accept and obey His terms or do you wish to attach additional stipulations? Another question closely related was posed by Jesus Himself. (Luke 6:46 KJV) *And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?* It's not uncommon to hear people say that they love Jesus, yet by their very actions, it's clear that they do not keep his commandments. For instance, they often claim a love for Jesus, but they seldom gather to worship Him as He has asked us to do through the inspired writers (Heb. 10:25). Do you love Jesus? If so, then do what He asked you to do. ~ Larry

Family News

- **Paul Caldwell**, Frank's brother, had a second heart surgery.
- **Debbie Reynolds** has "walking pneumonia."
- **Jesi Buck** has been diagnosed with gestational diabetes.
- **Chris McElyea** will be here Wednesday night to give a report on The Lamb's Academy.
- The Oak Grove church is hosting a "Spring Sing" this Friday, March 22nd beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- HRR pantry item for March is assorted salad dressing.

**A hug is the perfect gift.
One size fits all, and no one minds if you exchange it.**

A CARING COWBOY

A family, all nine of them, loaded all their earthly possessions into a covered wagon and set out to join other families leaving Arkansas headed for Texas and the promise of a new land. Rolling through all kinds of weather and fighting off insects, they rolled across the plains of what is now Oklahoma,

One afternoon a cloud of dust appeared on the horizon behind them, and the wagon-master halted the column and drew them into a circle. The men reached for rifles while the women gathered the children into the center of the wagons. In a few minutes, it became apparent that the dust was being raised by a lone rider carrying a parcel across his saddle.

The man approached calling out that he meant no harm. He dismounted and lowered the parcel to the ground. He unwrapped it, and it was a small child no more than two years old.

A cry of recognition tore from the throat of the child's mother when she saw her seventh child standing beside the strange man. The child had not been missed but had fallen from the wagon, and the cowboy had found him sitting in the dirt waiting for someone to come back for him.

How many of us are on life's "wagon train" headed for the Promised Land, and so intent on our own journey that we do not miss those of God's children who fall off along the way. Let us as a church family be concerned about the family members that are absent from services and let them know that they were missed. *"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Hebrews 10:25*