

What is the Gift of the Holy Spirit?

The language in Acts 2 is rather straightforward and simple, our problem in understanding it (if any) comes with the bias we bring to a reading of it. When people asked, “*What shall we do?*” (Acts 2:37), God’s answer was: “*Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit*” (v. 38). We then read, “*They then that received his word were baptized*” (v. 41). The order, therefore is clearly stated: [1] receive the word, [2] repent and be baptized, [3] receive remission of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

We are told later that people receive the spirit “*by the hearing of faith*” (Gal. 3:2). Again, “*Because ye are sons, God sent forth the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, Abba Father*” (Gal. 4:6). When one hears the word of Christ, and believes it, he is then led to obey it (Acts 2:38). The apostles spoke of “*the Holy Spirit, whom God hath given to them that obey him*” (Acts 5:32). This fits precisely with what we read above. When one is led by the word to trust the Lord and obey Him, God gives him the Holy Spirit. That is “*the gift of the Holy Spirit*” in Acts 2:38.

Paul wrote in 1 Cor. 6:19-20, “*Know ye not that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have from God? and ye are not your own; for ye were bought with a price.*” When one accepts the word of the Lord (Acts 2:41; Gal. 3:2), repents and is baptized into Christ (Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:3), he is then “*a child of God*” (Gal. 3:26-27). Because he is a child of God, by obedient faith, God gives him the Holy Spirit (Acts 5:32; Gal. 4:6), and the Christian is then “*the temple of the Holy Spirit*” which dwells in him (1 Cor. 6:19).

—Clem Thurman, *Gospel Minutes*, 01/83

2 Peter 1:5-8

Numerous times in my life, people have asked me which verse in the Bible is my favorite. While I could list many verses that are special to me, there is one verse that I generally use when asked this question. “*But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ*” (2 Peter 1:5-8).

Now, you may be thinking to yourself that this is a strange choice. There are many other verses in the Bible which are normally quoted as favorite verses—definitely ones that display the power of God and salvation better than these. So, why would I choose this specific passage?

I became a Christian in 1996 at the very young age of 9-years-old. I remember the day very clearly. I asked a lot of questions that day, which is pretty common for

me. We talked about sin, separation from God, repentance and how choosing to put Christ on in baptism was for life and very important.

I remember the weeks and months that followed in which I was on fire for God. I was dedicated to being this new person. Everything was going great. Unfortunately, soon I fell prey to sin—as we all do. About a year after I was baptized, I found myself needing to respond to the invitation. I had sin in my life, and I needed help.

I tell you all of this because for me, 2 Peter 1:5-8 is a passage of Scripture that talks about growth and the need to continue growing all the days of our lives. I look at these verses and see so many things on which I need to work. As each one of these areas of my life improve, I find myself loving and knowing God so much more. Let us all take a look at our lives and make sure we are living for Christ as we should.

— Derek Broome, gospelgazette.com, 08/18

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God Is a Sun

Have you ever been outside in the early morning when it was cool outside? Then when the sun came up and its rays hit you, you immediately felt warmer. Or maybe you live in a place where it snows a lot. Even when it is still cold enough for the snow to be on the ground, if you stand still where the sun's rays can be on you, you will feel warmer.

The sun's rays also help plants grow. Without the sun's rays the plants could not grow. The proper amount of sun makes the plants very healthy. People even need sunlight. The sunlight activates some chemicals in the body that then help make the body healthy.

In Psalm 84:11 we read, “For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.”

God is the Sun of our spiritual life. He gives us exactly what we need to live the proper and healthy spiritual life. There is something we have to do to receive the grace and glory from God. We must walk uprightly.

The only way to know how to walk uprightly is to study our Bible. We must get the wisdom from it to do what God wants us to do. So keep reading your Bible, and if any of this is hard to understand, ask an adult to help you.

—Mark McWhorter, gospelgazette.com, 08/09

**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
WORSHIP—SUNDAY AM
AUGUST 19, 2018**

Coordinator.....Steve Anderson
Announcements.....Kaleb Bush
Scriptures Reading.....Dallas Eddie
Song Leader.....Jacky Carver, Jr.
Opening Prayer.....George Clay

Lord's Supper-Preside: Roger Draper
Serve: Glen Reece, John Leonard
Gavin Spurlin, Ethan Leonard
Closing Prayer.....Jacky Carver, Sr.

Greeter— Jacky & Jacqueline Carver
Greeter— Glen & Patsy Reece
Count Offering.....Dallas Eddie
.....Kaleb Bush
AM Sermon— Sam Willcut (Bossier City, LA)
PM Sermon— Sam Willcut (Bossier City, LA)

WORSHIP---SUNDAY---6:00 PM

Announcements.....Kaleb Bush
Song Leader.Jacky Carver, Sr.
Scripture Readin.....Dallas Eddie
Opening Prayer.....Mitchell Brooks
Lord's Supper.....Roger Draper
.....Ethan Leonard
Closing Prayer.....Glen Reece

BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY--7:00 PM

Announcement.....Kaleb Bush
Song Leader.....Dallas Eddie
First Prayer.....Justin Draper
Opening Prayer.....Jacky Carver Sr.
Closing Prayer.....Mitchell Brooks

Prepare Communion for AUGUST
Lesa Leonard & Patsy Taylor

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Aug. 19th- Begin collecting supplies for Happy Haven (complete list of items to come)

Aug. 26th- Fellowship meal

Sept. 1st- Ladies Breakfast at The Barn

Sept. 2nd- Elders and Deacons meeting

READING SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

01 Isa. 18-20	11 Isa. 50-52	21 Jer. 18-20
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