

The Holy Spirit

How He Comes Into Your Life....

The Book of Acts is the record of the “birth” and expansion of Jesus’ Church. [Matthew 16:18] He said, “I will build My Church...” We have a tendency to develop certain “formulas” or “patterns” for the way God must function. This is especially true in relation to the teachings about the Holy Spirit.

To help us avoid this tendency, God’s Word records FIVE DIFFERENT SITUATIONS in which the Holy Spirit came into the Believers lives.

LET’S INVESTIGATE GOD’S WORD... [After all... it gives the Facts and just not our experiences..]

THE FIRST “SITUATION” IS ON THE DAY of PENTECOST... [Acts 2:1-8, 38]

- According to Acts 2:1... What was the setting?
- Who were the people involved? [Acts 1:12 - 14]
- Describe the “atmosphere” in the Upper Room... [2:1]
- And Then WHAT HAPPENED?? [vs.2 - 4]
- Why were all these people present who were from various places? [2:5-11]
- What was it that “confounded” those who gathered? [vs. 2:6-8]

AND NOW... **verse 38... If We Were To Develop A “Formula” or A “Pattern” of Receiving The Holy Spirit...**

WHAT WOULD IT LOOK LIKE??

- First... _____
- Second... be _____ in the name of _____ for the _____ of _____
- Third... then you shall _____ the _____ of the _____

THE SECOND “SITUATION” IS RECORDED IN ACTS 8:1-18 INVOLVING THE SAMARITANS

The Church of Jesus Grows... [Acts 2 - 6] in spite of great opposition.... In chapter 6 they chose 7 deacons to serve... Two of them (Stephen and Philip) were mentioned often in The Word. Stephen was stoned [7:59] and persecution scattered the Church... Philip went to Samaria and preached Christ to them... [8:5...] READ ABOUT IT...

- What “success” did Philip have in Samaria?? [8:6 - 8]
- In verses 8:14 - 17.... What is the “Formula” or “Pattern” of receiving The Holy Spirit?
 - In 8:6 They _____ and gave _____
 - In 8:12 They _____ and were _____
 - In 8:14,15 They were _____ for by the Apostles from Jerusalem
 - In 8:17 They received the Holy Spirit by the _____ on of _____ by the Apostles.
- Why was this situation different than on the Day of Pentecost??

NOTE... There is the encounter with Simon the sorcerer and his desire to buy the “power” he thought came from the Apostles themselves.

**HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE HOLY SPIRIT??
DO YOU KNOW WHEN HE CAME INTO YOUR LIFE??**