

*Lesson 5 – A Study of the Holy Spirit  
Text and Context*

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**Introduction:** It is critical that we learn how to reason from scriptures as we study any Bible subject.

***I. How do we know if Holy Spirit Baptism or water baptism is addressed in a given context?***

A. We learned some important truth from John the Baptist! (**Mt 3:11-12**)

1. Jesus will be the administrator of Holy Spirit baptism, not man. Even John the Baptist was not able to do this!
2. God emphasized this point to John when He showed John the identity of the Christ. (**Jn 1:33-34**)
3. He also will administer the baptism of fire.

B. Let us look at these verses and find answers from the context.

**Acts 2:38-39**

<sup>NKJ</sup> **Acts 2:38** 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.<sup>39</sup> "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 8:36-38**

<sup>NKJ</sup> **Acts 8:36** Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, *here is* water. What hinders me from being baptized?"<sup>37</sup> Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."<sup>38</sup> So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him.

**Acts 10:46-48**

<sup>NKJ</sup> **Acts 10:46** For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter answered,<sup>47</sup> "Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we *have*?"<sup>48</sup> And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.

**Acts 22:16**

<sup>NKJ</sup> **Acts 22:16** 'And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.'

**1 Cor 1:14-17**

<sup>NKJ</sup> **1 Corinthians 1:14** I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius,<sup>15</sup> lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name.<sup>16</sup> Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other.<sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect.

### **1 Cor 12:13**

<sup>NKJ</sup> **1 Corinthians 12:13** For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body -- whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free -- and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

### **Rom 6:3-4**

<sup>NKJ</sup> **Romans 6:3** Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

### **Col 2:11-13**

<sup>NKJ</sup> **Colossians 2:11** In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup> buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with *Him* through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. <sup>13</sup> And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,

### **Eph 4:4-6**

<sup>NKJ</sup> **Ephesians 4:4** *There is* one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.

### **Mt 28:18-20**

<sup>NKJ</sup> **Matthew 28:18** And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen.

### **Mark 16:15-16**

<sup>NKJ</sup> **Mark 16:15** And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. <sup>16</sup> "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

### **1 Pt 3:20-21**

<sup>NKJ</sup> **1 Peter 3:20** who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while *the* ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> There is also an antitype which now saves us -- baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

## ***II. How do we know what "the gift of the Holy Spirit" is in a given verse?***

A. Consider the context of Acts 2.

1. Peter was speaking to an audience that needed to hear a message of salvation. **(Acts 2:21, 36)**
  2. When they were convinced that Jesus was the messiah then they wanted to be right with God. **(Acts 2:37)**
  3. Then they were offered the conditional promise of salvation. **(Acts 2:38-39)**
  4. This promise was how they would “call on the name of the Lord.” **(Acts 22:16)**
  5. This promise was to all who God would call by the gospel!
  6. We must conclude that this gift would accompany salvation and thus is for every Christian. **(Rom 8:9)**
- B. Consider the context of 1 Corinthians 12.
1. Here we read of “gifts” **(1 Cor 12:4, 31)**
  2. The gifts are named. **(1 Cor 12:4-10)**
  3. We understand these gifts had a given purpose. **(Heb 2:3-4; Mk 16:17-20)**
  4. Not every Christian had these gifts. **(Acts 8:13-18; Rom 1:11)**
- C. Consider the context of Acts 10-11.