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The Forgotten Doctrine of Repentance



Acts 26:19–20 KJV
19 Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:
20 But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

REPENT → TURN TO GOD → PRODUCE FRUIT

🔹 INTRODUCTION: (THE CENTRAL TRUTH)

- Repentance is not merely asking God to forgive what I did.
- Repentance is allowing God to change:
- **HOW I THINK → WHERE I STAND → WHAT I PURSUE → HOW I LIVE**
- **THE APOSTOLIC PATTERN**
- **REPENT → TURN TO GOD → PRODUCE FRUIT**

🔹 THE WORD OF REPENTANCE

Greek — Metanoia — meh-TAN-oy-ah
Meaning: Change of mind, understanding, perception.

Greek Verb — Metanoeō — meh-tah-no-EH-oh
Meaning: To repent, change one's mind, reconsider, turn from a former position.

Hebrew — Shuv — shoov
Meaning: To turn, return, come back, turn back.

REMEMBER
A changed mind produces a changed direction.
A changed direction produces a changed life.
A changed life produces fruits of repentance.

🔹 REPENTANCE IS A CHANGE OF POSITION

Repentance says:
"God, I have been standing in the wrong position, thinking the wrong way, walking the wrong direction—and I am turning toward You."

Luke 24:45
"Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures."

God opens understanding so we can see truth.

🔹 1. REPENTANCE CHANGES YOUR POSITION

Matthew 3:1–2 KJV
1 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,
2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Acts 17:30 KJV
And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

Key Thought:
Repentance is a change of mind that produces a change of direction.

SIN: “I will do what I want.”
REPENTANCE: “Lord, what do You want?”

🔹 2. REPENTANCE PRODUCES FRUIT

Matthew 3:8 KJV
Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:

Acts 26:20 KJV
But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

Key Thought:
The fruit does not create repentance—the fruit demonstrates repentance.
REPENT → TURN → FRUIT

🔹 3. REPENTANCE REQUIRES LETTING GO

Isaiah 55:6–7 KJV
6 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:
7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Acts 3:19 KJV
Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

Key Thought:
You cannot walk toward God while holding on to what God told you to leave.

🔹 GODLY SORROW

2 Corinthians 7:10 KJV
For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

GODLY SORROW
Sorrow → Repentance → Salvation

WORLDLY SORROW
Sorrow → No Change → Death

The difference isn’t whether you feel sorrow—the difference is what your sorrow produces.

THE FORGOTTEN DOCTRINE OF REPENTANCE

🔹 JESUS' WARNING

Luke 13:3 KJV
I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Luke 13:5 KJV
I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Matthew 25:46 KJV
And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

🔹 THE GREAT DIFFERENCE

CONFESSION: "I did it."
REMORSE: "I feel terrible about it."
REPENTANCE: "I am turning from it."
FRUIT: "My life demonstrates that I turned."

🔹 THE PLAN OF SALVATION

Acts 2:38 KJV
Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

🔹 GOD'S DESIRE

2 Peter 3:9 KJV
**The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

REPENT → TURN TO JESUS → PRODUCE FRUIT

FINAL THOUGHT:
Repentance opens the mind.
Repentance softens the heart.
Repentance turns the will.
Repentance changes direction.
Repentance releases what offends God.
Repentance produces fruit.

REPENT → TURN TO GOD → PRODUCE FRUIT

"**...that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance."**
Acts 26:20

The Essential Doctrine of Baptism



THE ESSENTIAL DOCTRINE OF BAPTISM

1 Peter 3:20–21 KJV
20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.
21 The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

1. BAPTISM IS THE BIBLICAL RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Acts 2:37–38 KJV
37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?
38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Key Scriptures
Acts 2:41
Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

Acts 22:16
And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

Remember:
REPENT → BELIEVE → BE BAPTIZED → RECEIVE THE HOLY GHOST

2. BAPTISM IDENTIFIES US WITH THE DEATH, BURIAL, AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS

Romans 6:3–4 KJV
3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Key Scriptures
Colossians 2:12
Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

Galatians 3:27
For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Remember:
BAPTISM = DEATH → BURIAL → RESURRECTION → NEW LIFE

3. BAPTISM IS CONNECTED WITH THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

Matthew 28:18–19 KJV
18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.
19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Acts 2:38
Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 8:16
(For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

Acts 10:48
And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord.

Acts 19:5
When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Remember:
- **Jesus gave the command.**
- **The apostles carried out the command.**
- **Acts records baptism in the name of Jesus.**

BAPTISM AND THE NEW COVENANT

Colossians 2:11–12 KJV
11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:
12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

Key Thought
The New Covenant mark is not merely an external mark made with human hands. Baptism identifies us with Christ and His death, burial, and resurrection.

JOHN THE BAPTIST

Mark 1:4 KJV
John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

Matthew 3:8 KJV
Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:

John prepared people for the coming Messiah by preaching repentance.

THE ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH

Acts 8:35–38 KJV
35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. **36** And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, **See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?**
37 And Philip said, **If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest.** And he answered and said, **I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.**
38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

Pattern
HEARD → BELIEVED → WENT INTO THE WATER → BAPTIZED

PAUL'S CONVERSION

Acts 22:16 KJV
And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

Paul's conversion demonstrates the importance of responding to the Gospel with obedience.

JESUS AND BAPTISM

Matthew 3:16–17 KJV
16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, **the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:**
17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, **This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased**.

John 4:1–2 KJV
1 When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John,
2 (Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,)

JESUS' COMMAND

Mark 16:15–16 KJV
15 And he said unto them, **Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.**
16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

KEY GREEK WORDS
Baptism — (baptisma)
Meaning: baptism, immersion.

Baptize — (baptizō)
Meaning: to immerse, dip, baptize.
Name — (onoma)
Meaning: name, identity, authority.

Remission — (aphesis)
Meaning: release, forgiveness, sending away.

FINAL REVIEW

WHAT DOES BAPTISM REPRESENT?

1. REPENTANCE
Turning from the old way toward God.

2. IDENTIFICATION
Being identified with Jesus Christ.

3. BURIAL
The old life is buried.

4. RESURRECTION
Walking in newness of life.

5. COVENANT
Identification with Christ and His covenant.

6. OBEDIENCE
Responding to the Gospel according to the apostolic pattern.

FINAL SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:38 KJV
“Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”

REPENT, BE BAPTIZED IN JESUS NAME & RECEIVE THE HOLY GHOST.

FINALLY, WALK OUT YOUR NEW LIFE.

The Gift of the Holy Ghost



THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST

MAIN TEXT:
ACTS 2:1–4 KJVS

1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. **2** 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.

KEY THOUGHT

THE GIFT → THE HOLY GHOST
THE MANIFESTATION → TONGUES
THE POWER → THE SPIRIT'S EMPOWERMENT
THE CONTINUING EXPERIENCE → BEING FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

POINT 1 – THE HOLY GHOST WAS PROMISED

JOHN 3:5 KJV
Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

ACTS 1:8 KJV
But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Greek Word
Promise — (epangelía), eh-pang-el-EE-ah
Meaning: A promise, pledge, or something promised to be given.

KEY THOUGHT
The Holy Ghost is God's promise to His people.

POINT 2 – ACTS 2: FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST

ACTS 2:1–4 KJV
1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. **2** 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

Greek Word
Tongues — (glōssa), GLOSS-ah
Meaning: Tongue, language, speech.

THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST

KEY THOUGHT
The Spirit is the gift; tongues are the manifestation.

Mark 16:15-20 KJV
[15] And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. **[16]** He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. **[17]** And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; **[18]** They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. **[19]** So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. **[20]** And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

POINT 3 – ACTS 8: SAMARIA

ACTS 8:14–17 KJVS
14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: **15** Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: **16** (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) **17** Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

ACTS 8:18–19 KJVS
18 And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, **19** Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.

KEY THOUGHT

The Samaritans had:
HEARD → BELIEVED → BEEN BAPTIZED

But Acts says:
"as yet he was fallen upon none of them."

Then the apostles prayed and laid hands on them.
They received the Holy Ghost.

POINT 4 – ACTS 10: THE GENTILES RECEIVE THE HOLY GHOST

ACTS 10:44–48 KJVS
44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. **45** And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. **46** For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter **47** Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? **48** And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

KEY THOUGHT
The Gentiles received the same gift the Jews received.

Peter said:
"received the Holy Ghost as well as we."

POINT 5 – ACTS 19: DISCIPLES OF JOHN RECEIVE THE HOLY GHOST

ACTS 19:1–7 KJVS

1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,

2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

7 And all the men were about twelve.

KEY THOUGHT
Here Scripture explicitly records:
BAPTIZED IN JESUS' NAME → HANDS LAID → HOLY GHOST → TONGUES + PROPHECY

POINT 6 — THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST DWELLS IN YOU

ROMANS 8:9–11 KJVS
9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.
10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.
11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

KEY THOUGHTS

1. The Spirit of God dwells in us.
2. The Spirit of Christ identifies us as belonging to Him.
3. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead dwells in us.

The Holy Ghost is not merely an outward experience—the Spirit dwells within the believer.

POINT 7 — BE FILLED AGAIN

ACTS 4:8 KJVS
Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,

Peter had already received the Holy Ghost in Acts 2.
Yet he was filled again.

ACTS 4:31 KJVS
And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

EPHESIANS 5:18 KJVS
And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

Jude 1:20-21 KJVS
But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, [21] Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Romans 5:5 KJVS
And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

KEY THOUGHTS

- You don't just need a past experience—you need a present filling.
- Yesterday's filling doesn't eliminate today's need.
- The Holy Ghost is your refresher, to keep one in the love of God.
- Receiving the Holy Ghost is not the end of being filled with the Spirit.

RECEIVE → BE FILLED → BE FILLED AGAIN → WALK IN THE SPIRIT

POINT 8 — THE PROMISE IS FOR EVERY GENERATION

ACTS 2:38–39 KJVS
38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST

KEY THOUGHT

The promise did not end with Acts 2.

It is:

TO YOU
TO YOUR CHILDREN
TO ALL THAT ARE AFAR OFF
TO AS MANY AS THE LORD OUR GOD SHALL CALL

<u>THE FOUR MAJOR ACCOUNTS</u>

ACTS 2: JEWS
Filled with the Holy Ghost → Tongues

ACTS 8: SAMARITANS
Believed → Baptized → Hands Laid → Received Holy Ghost

ACTS 10: GENTILES
Holy Ghost Fell → Tongues → Baptized

ACTS 19: DISCIPLES OF JOHN
Baptized in Jesus' Name → Hands Laid → Holy Ghost → Tongues & Prophecy

THE BIG DISTINCTION

THE GIFT

THE HOLY GHOST

THE MANIFESTATION

SPEAKING WITH TONGUES

THE POWER

THE SPIRIT'S EMPOWERING PRESENCE

THE CONTINUING EXPERIENCE

BEING FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

🔥 **THE HOLY GHOST IS MORE THAN AN EXPERIENCE.**

THE HOLY GHOST IS GOD'S SPIRIT DWELLING IN YOU.

"If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

Romans 8:9 KJVS

Spirit and Truth

Worshipping God in Spirit, Walking in Truth, and Experiencing the New Birth

Main Text:

John 4:23–24
23 *But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.* ***24*** *God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*

CENTRAL THEME: God is seeking true worshippers who will worship Him in Spirit and Truth. We must understand who God is, obey His Word, and experience the new birth Jesus commanded.

FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH

- Spirit without Truth can become emotion without biblical direction.
- Truth without Spirit can become knowledge without spiritual life.
- Spirit and Truth together produce biblical understanding, spiritual experience, and obedience to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

INTRODUCTION: THE FATHER IS SEEKING WORSHIPPERS

Key Scripture: John 4:23–24

God is not merely looking for people who sing, preach, shout, or perform religious ceremonies. He is seeking those who worship Him in Spirit and Truth.

1. Spirit: Our worship must be spiritual.
   God is Spirit. Our worship must come from a genuine relationship with Him, not outward ceremony alone.

2. Truth: Our worship must agree with His Word.
   Truth is not established by feelings, traditions, majority opinion, or personal preference. God's Word is our standard.

Greek Word Study

- **Worship — Proskuneō | pros-koo-NEH-oh**
  - To worship, bow down, or express reverence.
- **Spirit — Pneuma | NYOO-mah**
  - Spirit, breath, or wind, depending on context.
- **Truth — Alētheia | ah-LAY-thay-ah**
  - Truth, reality, or that which is genuine.

Supporting Scriptures

John 17:17
Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

Psalm 119:160
Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.

FOUR KEY TRUTHS

1. Worship is more than music; it is a response to God.
2. Spiritual experiences must be examined in the light of Scripture.
3. Truth is determined by God's Word, not popular opinion.
4. God is seeking worshippers who respond to Him in Spirit and Truth.

POINT 1: YOU MUST BE BORN OF WATER AND SPIRIT

Main Text: John 3:1–8

John 3:5
Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Nicodemus was a religious ruler, yet Jesus explained that religious position alone was insufficient. A person must experience the new birth.

A. The Word Is the Seed of the Gospel

Luke 8:11
Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

Romans 10:17
So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

The Word brings the message of salvation. We must hear, believe, and respond to what God has commanded.

B. The Spirit's Work Can Be Recognized by Its Effects

John 3:8
The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

Greek Word Study

- **Sound — Phōnē | foh-NAY**
  - Sound, voice, or utterance.

Jesus compares the work of the Spirit to the wind. Though invisible, its presence can be recognized by its effects. John 3:8 does not explicitly identify the sound as tongues; the accounts in Acts provide further teaching about speaking in tongues.

C. Peter Preached the Response to the Gospel

Acts 2:38
Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

The Apostolic understanding of the new birth connects the gospel response with:

- Repentance: Turning from sin toward God.
- Water baptism: Being baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.
- The Holy Ghost: Receiving the gift God promised.

Romans 6:3–4 teaches that baptism identifies us with Christ's death and burial so that we may walk in newness of life.

FOUR KEY TRUTHS

- Religious reputation cannot replace the new birth.
- The Word must be received and obeyed.
- Salvation involves responding to the gospel, not merely joining a church.
- We must establish doctrine from Scripture rather than from illustrations alone.

POINT 2: JESUS PREPARED THE DISCIPLES TO PREACH THE GOSPEL

Main Text: Luke 24:45–49

Luke 24:45–49
45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,
46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:
47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.
48 And ye are witnesses of these things.
49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

A. Jesus Opened Their Understanding

The disciples needed understanding, not information alone. Jesus connected His death and resurrection with the preaching of repentance and remission of sins.

B. Repentance and Remission Must Be Preached in His Name

Jesus specifically instructed that repentance and remission of sins be preached in His name among all nations.

C. The Promise of the Father Required Waiting

Acts 1:4–5
4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.
5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

Acts 1:8
But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

FOUR KEY TRUTHS

- Understanding the Scriptures prepares us to preach the gospel faithfully.
- Repentance and remission of sins are preached in the name of Jesus.
- Jesus promised His disciples the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
- The ascension did not cancel the promise; it preceded its fulfillment.

POINT 3: ACTS 2 ESTABLISHES THE ORIGINAL PATTERN OF THE HOLY GHOST

Main Text: Acts 2:1–4

Acts 2:1–4
1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
2 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.

A. They Were All Filled With the Holy Ghost

The promise Jesus made was fulfilled. The disciples were filled with the Holy Ghost and spoke with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

B. The Crowd Heard Them Speak

Acts 2:6
Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

The crowd heard the disciples speaking in languages they could understand.

C. Peter Explained the Fulfillment of Prophecy

Acts 2:16–17
16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;
17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

D. Peter Preached Jesus Christ

Acts 2:36
Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

When the people asked what they should do, Peter answered with the command in Acts 2:38.

FOUR KEY TRUTHS

- Jesus fulfilled His promise at Pentecost.
- Acts 2 explicitly records speaking in tongues when the disciples received the Holy Ghost.
- Peter connected the outpouring with God's prophetic promise.
- Peter preached Jesus Christ and commanded repentance and baptism in His name.

POINT 4: WATER BAPTISM AND RECEIVING THE HOLY GHOST ARE DISTINGUISHABLE EXPERIENCES

Main Text: Acts 8:5–19

Acts 8:12
But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

A. The Samaritans Believed and Were Baptized

The Samaritans believed the preaching about Jesus Christ and were baptized.

B. The Apostles Prayed for Them to Receive the Holy Ghost

Acts 8:14–17
14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:
15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:
16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)
17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

The Samaritans had received the Word and been baptized, yet the Holy Ghost had not yet fallen upon them. The apostles prayed and laid hands on them.

C. What Does This Account Teach?

- Receiving the Word and receiving the Holy Ghost are distinguishable in this account.
- God may use prayer and the laying on of hands in ministering to people.
- Acts 8 does not explicitly identify tongues as the manifestation observed by Simon.
- We must distinguish what Scripture explicitly records from conclusions drawn by comparing passages.

FOUR KEY TRUTHS

1. Believing the Word is essential.
2. The Samaria account records a subsequent reception of the Holy Ghost.
3. God works through prayer and the laying on of hands.
4. We must teach what the text says without adding details it does not state.

POINT 5: ACTS 10 SHOWS GOD FILLING PEOPLE WITH THE HOLY GHOST BEFORE WATER BAPTISM

Main Text: Acts 10:44–48

A. The Holy Ghost Fell While Peter Was Preaching

Acts 10:44–46
44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.
45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.
46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,

The Gentiles received the Holy Ghost while hearing the Word. They spoke with tongues and magnified God.

B. Peter Recognized the Same Gift

The Jewish believers were astonished that God had given the Gentiles the same gift. God had poured out His Spirit upon people from outside the Jewish community.

C. Peter Still Commanded Water Baptism

Acts 10:47–48
47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?
48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

FOUR KEY TRUTHS

1. The Gentiles received the Holy Ghost while hearing the Word.
2. Speaking in tongues is explicitly recorded.
3. Peter recognized their experience as the same gift given at the beginning.
4. Receiving the Holy Ghost did not eliminate the command to be baptized.

Compare: Acts 8 records baptism before receiving the Holy Ghost; Acts 10 records the Holy Ghost before water baptism.

POINT 6: ACTS 19 CONNECTS THE NAME OF JESUS WITH THE NEW BIRTH MESSAGE

Main Text: Acts 19:1–7

A. Paul Asked About Their Experience

Acts 19:2
He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

These disciples had received John's baptism but needed further instruction about Jesus Christ and the promised Holy Ghost.

B. They Were Baptized in the Name of Jesus

Acts 19:5
When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

John's baptism pointed toward the coming Messiah. Paul explained the message in light of Jesus Christ, and the disciples were baptized in His name.

C. The Holy Ghost Came Upon Them

Acts 19:6–7
6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.
7 And all the men were about twelve.

Comparing the Accounts

- Acts 2: The disciples received the Holy Ghost and spoke with tongues.
- Acts 8: The Samaritans received the Holy Ghost; tongues are not explicitly named.
- Acts 10: The Gentiles received the Holy Ghost and spoke with tongues.
- Acts 19: The disciples received the Holy Ghost, spoke with tongues, and prophesied.

Taken together, these passages form the principal narrative foundation for the Apostolic teaching that speaking in tongues is the initial evidence of receiving the Holy Ghost.

FOUR KEY TRUTHS

1. We must continue learning as our understanding of the gospel becomes clearer.
2. John's preparatory baptism must be distinguished from baptism in Jesus' name.
3. The name of Jesus is central to the apostolic baptismal accounts.
4. Receiving the Holy Ghost is an actual spiritual experience, not merely a religious label.

POINT 7: THE GOSPEL CANNOT BE CHANGED

Main Text: Galatians 1:6–9

Galatians 1:8
But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

A. The Gospel Can Be Perverted

Greek Word Study

- **Pervert — Metastrephō | meh-tah-STRAY-foh**
  - To turn, twist, or transform into something different.

Paul warned the church against changing the gospel of Christ.

B. A Supernatural Claim Cannot Replace Scripture

Even an angelic appearance or extraordinary revelation does not authorize anyone to contradict the apostolic gospel.

C. We Must Examine What We Hear

Acts 17:11
These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

FOUR KEY TRUTHS

1. A message is not true simply because it sounds spiritual.
2. Supernatural experiences do not authorize anyone to rewrite Scripture.
3. The gospel belongs to God; we are its messengers, not its authors.
4. Our traditions must be measured by the Word, not the Word by our traditions.

POINT 8: THE FULLNESS OF THE GODHEAD DWELLS IN JESUS CHRIST

Main Text: Colossians 2:8–10

Colossians 2:9–10
9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.
10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

A. The Fullness of the Godhead Dwells in Christ

Greek Word Study

- Fullness — Plērōma | PLAY-roh-mah — Fullness or completeness.
- Godhead — Theotēs | theh-OT-ace — Deity or the state of being God.
- Bodily — Sōmatikōs | soh-mah-tee-KOHS — Bodily or in bodily form.

Paul declares that all the fullness of deity dwells in Jesus Christ bodily.

B. We Are Complete in Him

Our spiritual completeness is found in Jesus Christ, in whom the fullness of the Godhead dwells.

C. Jesus Reveals the Father

John 14:9
Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

2 Corinthians 5:19
To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

D. The One God Has Revealed Himself in Jesus Christ

Deuteronomy 6:4
Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:

Isaiah 9:6
For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

1 Timothy 3:16
And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

POINT 9: THE NAME OF JESUS REVEALS GOD'S SALVATION

Main Text: Matthew 1:21

Matthew 1:21
And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

A. The Name Declares His Saving Mission

The Greek name Iēsous, corresponds to the Hebrew or Aramaic name related to Yeshua, associated with the meaning "The LORD saves" or "Yahweh is salvation."

The name of Jesus is connected with His mission to save His people from their sins.

B. There Is No Other Saving Name

Acts 4:12
Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Salvation is found in Jesus Christ—His person, authority, and saving work.

C. The Apostles Baptized in the Name of Jesus

Acts 2:38
Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

The name of Jesus is explicitly connected with baptism and the remission of sins.

D. The Holy Ghost Is Connected With His Name

John 14:26
But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Jesus promised that the Father would send the Comforter in His name. In the Apostolic Oneness understanding, this connects the work of the Holy Ghost with the revelation of Jesus Christ.

E. The Son Cannot Be Separated From the Father

1 John 2:23
Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.

1 John 5:12
He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

FOUR KEY TRUTHS

1. His name declares His mission: the LORD saves.
2. The apostles preached salvation through Jesus Christ.
3. The Holy Ghost is connected with the name of Jesus in His promise to the disciples.
4. The Son is central to God's revelation and saving work.

POINT 10: SPIRIT AND TRUTH MUST REMAIN TOGETHER

Main Text: John 17:17

John 17:17
Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

A. Truth Sanctifies Us

To be sanctified is to be set apart for God. His Word corrects our thinking, guides our conduct, and calls us to obedience.

Psalm 119:105
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

B. The Spirit Leads Us Into Truth

John 16:13
Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for. he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

The Spirit of truth guides believers into truth, not away from God's revealed Word.

C. We Must Hold Fast to Sound Doctrine

2 Timothy 1:13–14
13 Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.
14 That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.

The Holy Ghost empowers believers to remain faithful to the truth entrusted to them.

D. We Must Be Doers of the Word

James 1:22
But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

True worship must move from hearing to believing, from believing to obedience, and from obedience to a life that honors God.

FOUR KEY TRUTHS

- The Word establishes the standard of truth.
- The Spirit guides us into truth, not away from it.
- We must guard the apostolic gospel without changing its message.
- True worship is demonstrated through obedience as well as words and spiritual experience.

CONCLUSION: GOD IS SEEKING TRUE WORSHIPPERS

Return to **John 4:23–24**

The Father is seeking true worshippers—not merely people who know church language, have heard sermons, or have experienced emotion.

He is seeking people who will worship Him in Spirit and Truth.

The Scriptures call us to:

- Understand who Jesus Christ is.
- Believe and obey the gospel.
- Repent of our sins.
- Be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.
- Receive the promised gift of the Holy Ghost.
- Walk in obedience to God’s Word.

SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Final Scripture: **Acts 2:38–39**
38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

PERSONAL APPLICATION AND REVIEW

- Have you obeyed the gospel? Have you repented of your sins and been baptized in the name of Jesus Christ?
- Have you received the promised gift of the Holy Ghost? What do Acts 2, Acts 10, and Acts 19 record about speaking in tongues?
- Are you willing to let God's Word correct your understanding? Why must Scripture remain our standard of truth?
- Are you worshipping God in Spirit and Truth? How does genuine worship affect your daily life and obedience?
- Can you explain the relationship between Spirit and Truth? Why must spiritual experience and biblical doctrine remain together?

STUDENT MEMORY VERSE

John 4:24 (KJV)
God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

CLOSING DECLARATION

The Spirit is not a substitute for the Truth, and the Truth is not a substitute for the Spirit. God is seeking worshippers who will receive His Word, obey His gospel, and walk in the power of His Spirit.

WE MUST WORSHIP HIM IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH!

The Oneness of God