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The Significance Of God's Word

The Apostle Paul in writing to Timothy says that all of the scripture is inspired by God, that the Word of God should be used to learn the doctrines (teachings) of the church, and how to do things right in God's eyes. We are to live according to every word of the scriptures.

2 Tim 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

Mat 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Sometimes people say, "Well, you interpret the bible your way and I will interpret it mine" or "that there are many interpretations to the scriptures", but the Word of God says that it is not open to individual interpretations. It must be read until God gives us it's meaning (interpretation).

2 Pet 1:20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

It was "holy men of God" who prophecied as the Holy Ghost inspired them, and then they wrote it down as God instructed them to do. So even though men put the pen to the paper, it was God's words that were written. In many cases they didn't even know what they were writing. (For example: John writing Revelation, Daniel writing about the end time and Isaiah writing about "a virgin bearing a child".)

Jer 30:1-2 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD God of Israel, saying, Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book.

Dan 12:8-9 And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things? And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. 2 Pet 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

In three places in the Word of God **we are commanded not to add to, subtract from, or change any wording of the bible.** Once in the early days of God's dealings with man, once in the middle

of time, and once at the very end of the last book, Revelations. Notice the strong language used to keep someone from changing His Word.

Deu 4:2 **Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it,** that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

Prov 30:6 **Add thou not unto his words,** lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

Rev 22:18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, **if any man shall add unto these things,** God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

Rev 22:19 **And if any man shall take away from the words of the book** of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

Even after the heavens and the earth shall be done away with, Jesus said **that the Word of God will last forever.**

Mat 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but **my words shall not pass away.**

The Apostle Paul states that his inspired writings will be used to judge men at the judgement of God. God's Word is not only our guide unto God, but it is that which God **will use to judge our lives in the end, at the last judgement. The word "books" in Revelations 20:12** is the greek word "biblia", which **is our word "bible".** This shows that we will be judged by what the bible teaches us.

Rom 2:16 In the day when **God shall judge** the secrets of men by Jesus Christ **according to my gospel.**

Rev 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the **books** were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and **the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books,** according to their works.

Rev 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

Rev 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Rev 20:15 **And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.**

The Importance of Knowing God's Word

The Apostle Paul said that **we can get God's approval** on our lives **by studying the Word of God** and that a person will never be ashamed if he doesn't use the scripture out of it's place or context.

2 Tim 2:15 **Study** to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing** the word of truth.

Jesus Christ commands to search the scriptures to find eternal life.

John 5:39 **Search the scriptures**; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

Jesus prayed for all of the people, who would believe His teachings through the Apostle's witness and writings, which is the Scriptures (The Bible).

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

John 17:18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

John 17:19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

John 17:20 **Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;**

The Apostle Paul **warns us sternly to beware and not let men spoil our understanding of the gospel** by teaching their own ideas of philosophy and convictions as being truth. He says that they will try to spoil us through the teachings of their traditions, or through their thoughts of the rudiments (beginning) of the world.

Col 2:8 **Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men,** after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

The Apostle Paul chastises the Galatian church that he founded because they were allowing someone to come in or **pervert what he had taught them as the gospel of Christ.** He follows this with a stern warning stating what to do **if he (Paul) or an angel from heaven would come and teach them anything other than what he had originally taught them.**
Gal 1:6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

Gal 1:7 Which is not another; but **there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.**

Gal 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.**

Gal 1:9 As we said before, so say I now again, **if any man preach any other gospel** unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

The Apostle John says that **we can know the preachers who are of God because they listen to what the Apostles wrote in the bible.**

1 John 4:6 We are of God: **he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.**

Paul told Timothy that **the time will come when people will not want to hear the truth** because of their sins, but will hire preachers that will preach what they want to hear.

2 Tim 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

2 Tim 4:3 **For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine;** but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

2 Tim 4:4 **And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.**

Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, says that the Berean brethren **didn't just accept what was preached to them by the Apostle Paul, but they searched the scriptures daily to make sure that what they were being taught was the truth according to the Word of God.**

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.**

These scriptures teach us to **not only be a hearer of God's Word, but a doer.** Jesus said that if we don't carry out His teachings, the spiritual house of our life that we build will be destroyed because it is not built on the principles of God's Word. In I Pet. 2:21, it says that Jesus was our example and that we should follow in His steps.

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

Mat 7:26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, **and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man,** which built his house upon the sand:

Mat 7:27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

This next scripture says that **if we will perform the teachings of God's Word and continue to do so,** that we will save ourselves and those that we witness to.

1 Tim 4:16 Take heed unto thyself, **and unto the doctrine; continue in them:** for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

A person's soul is purified by **obeying** the truth (the gospel), not just believing it as even the "devils believe and tremble" according to James 2:19. One must also be born again **as it says in the Word of God.**

1 Pet 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls **in obeying the truth** through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

1 Pet 1:23 **Being born again,** not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, **by the word of God,** which liveth and abideth for ever.

1 Pet 1:25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

When the Lord comes back, He will take vengeance on those who have not believed and obeyed the teachings of the Apostles, which is the truth, the gospel of Jesus Christ.

2 Th 1:7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

2 Th 1:8 **In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:**

2 Th 1:9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

2 Th 1:10 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, **and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed)** in that day.

The Grace Of God & Believing On Jesus Christ

One word could sum up the New Testament, "**Believe**". God wanted His people and the rest of the world to believe that Jesus was the Messiah of the Jews and the Savior of the world. The Lord performed miracles, cast out devils, healed, and taught wonderously **to cause men to believe on Him as Savior**. This is why the main emphasis of the New Testament speaks of **believing on Jesus Christ and acting on your beliefs**.

The Jews were looking for their Messiah as recorded in Zech. 14. He was to come on a white horse to do battle against the nations that were holding Israel captive and was to set up His royal kingdom with Israel at the head of all nations. They were following the Law of Moses to the letter, **getting forgiveness for their sins through their own works and sacrifices**.

So the **focal points** of the New Testament are for the people of the world, especially God's chosen people, the Jews, to:

1. **Believe that Jesus Christ is the Messiah, Savior of the World.**
2. **Believe that He died, was buried and rose again the third day to save the world from the penalty of their sins.**
3. **Believe that the power to save and to deliver is in His name.**

The **Jew had to change from performing works** of the Law of Moses **to receiving forgiveness through faith in Jesus Christ**. The Gentile world had to turn from their wicked and idolatrous ways to be saved through faith in Jesus Christ.

The scriptures that we will read next will prove to us that mankind was **unworthy being in sin and that God through His grace, gave the world a Savior, Jesus Christ.**

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that **whosoever believeth** in him **should** not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 6:40 And **this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him,** may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Rom 3:24 **Being justified freely by his grace** through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

Eph 2:8 **For by grace are ye saved through faith;** and that not of yourselves: **it is the gift of God:**

Titus 3:5 **Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us,** by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

These next scriptures show us that the first focal point of the New Testament, namely **believing that Jesus Christ was the Messiah was preached:**

John 4:42 And said unto the woman, **Now we believe,** not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, **and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.**

John 6:68-69 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. **And we believe and are sure that thou art the Christ,** the Son of the living God.

John 8:24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for **if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.**

John 8:27 They understood not that **he spake to them of the Father.**

The second focal point of the New Testament is **the saving power of the gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ's death, burial, and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins, was preached.** God wanted the world to believe that Jesus had died for their sins.

Mark 1:15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and **believe the gospel.**

1 Cor 15:1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

1 Cor 15:2 **By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you,** unless ye have believed in vain.

1 Cor 15:3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how **that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;**

1 Cor 15:4 **And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:**

The third focal point of the New Testament was that **God wanted the world to believe that there is power to save, to heal, and to deliver in the Name of Jesus Christ.**

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even **to them that believe on his name:**

John 2:23 Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, **many believed in his name,** when they saw the miracles which he did.

John 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, **because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.**

1 John 3:23 **And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ,** and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

1 John 5:13 **These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.**

John 20:31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and **that believing ye might have life through his name.**

Acts 10:43 To him give all the prophets witness, that **through his name** whosoever believeth in him **shall receive remission of sins.**

Jesus said that when a person believes on Him, **as the Scriptures says,** they will be baptized and will receive the Holy Ghost.

Mark 16:16 **He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved**; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

John 7:38 **He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said**, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

John 7:39 (But **this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive**: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

The Apostle Paul said in Ephesians that **after** they believed the gospel, that they received God's Spirit, sealing them as children of God.

Eph 1:13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom **also after that ye believed**, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise.

The four gospels record the life of Jesus Christ, how he chose His disciples and what He taught them. **The gospels ended with a commandment** from Him to His disciples **to go spread the gospel into all of the world and to convert the lost, telling them to believe on Him**.

Mark 16:15 **And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature**.

Mark 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Mark 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

Mark 16:18 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.

Luke 24:46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

Luke 24:47 **And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem**.

Luke 24:48 And ye are witnesses of these things.

Before He let them go into all of the world though, **He told them to stay in Jerusalem and wait for** the promise of the Father, which Acts chapter 2 says is **the baptism of the Holy Ghost**.

Acts 1:4 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.

Acts 1:5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with **the Holy Ghost** not many days hence.

Jesus had already spoken of **the sound of the Spirit when one is born of the Spirit** so the disciples would recognize it.

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.**

Who was in the upper room praying and worshipping God and waiting for the baptism of the Holy Ghost? **All 12 apostles, Mary the mother of Jesus**, and many other disciples.

Acts 1:13 And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both **Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.**

Acts 1:14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and **Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.**

The next chapter of Acts records how they received God's Spirit. Notice how it says that **all that were in the upper room received the Holy Ghost and spoke in other tongues.**

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

Acts 2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

Acts 2:3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

Acts 2:4 **And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.**

This outpouring of the Spirit of God happened while Jerusalem was filled to capacity with very devout Jews who had come to celebrate feast days of their year. While the disciples were being filled with the Holy Ghost and speaking in tongues, it must have made a loud noise as it drew a large crowd all around them. Many of the Jews present were citizens of foreign lands having been sent there by military takeovers or born there. They could speak at least 3 languages including Greek, the common language of the day, Hebrew, their religious language, and their native tongue wherein they were born. Even though the Apostle Peter stood and preached to them in either Greek or Hebrew, God let a marvelous thing happen to assure them that a miracle from God was taking place. **They heard these disciples, "Galileans", speaking in foreign languages which they individually recognized as their own.** They each could understand what some of the disciples were saying yet the ones who received the Holy Ghost didn't understand what the Spirit of God was saying through them. **The different tongues were not to evangelize but to cause amazement.** Peter stood and explained it.

Acts 2:5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

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.**

Acts 2:7 **And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?**

Acts 2:8 **And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?**

Acts 2:9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,

Acts 2:10 Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,

Acts 2:11 Cretes and Arabians, **we do hear them speak in our tongues** the wonderful works of God.

Acts 2:12 **And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?**

Acts 2:13 Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.

Acts 2:14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

Acts 2:15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is *but* the third hour of the day.

Acts 2:16 But **this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;**

Acts 2:17 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:

Acts 2:18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

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.

Acts 2:37 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?**

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.**

Acts 2:39 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.

Acts 2:40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

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.**

The book of Acts records **how His disciples obeyed His commandment and went into all of the world, preaching the gospel, converting the lost, and establishing churches.** The preachers went, the people heard, believed and expressed faith through repentance, water baptism, and receiving His God's Spirit. Let's look at some **actual scriptural occurrences** of the disciples preaching the gospel and the people believing it. Phillip went down to Samaria and preached to them. Notice how he not only preached "the things concerning the kingdom of God" but also **"the name of Jesus Christ"**.

Acts 8:5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.

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.

When Phillip baptized these people, he did it **obeying the Lord's command to baptize in His Name** and **followed what the Apostle Peter had preached in Acts 2:38**. Then they received the Holy Ghost.

Acts 8:13 Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.

Acts 8:14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:

Acts 8:15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive 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 8:17 Then laid they their hands on them, and **they received the Holy Ghost.** **It was the same every time** the gospel and the name of Jesus Christ was preached. People believed, they were baptized and they received the Spirit of God.

Phillip went on his way guided by the Spirit of God and the Lord had him to preach the good news of the gospel unto a eunuch who was reading in the Old Testament. **The first thing the eunuch wanted to do after he had heard what Phillip had said unto him was to be baptized.** Then Phillip said unto him that **he had to "believe with all of his heart" in Jesus in order to be eligible for baptism.** Phillip obviously emphasized being baptized to be saved evidenced by the anxiousness of the eunuch to be baptized. **Profession of belief in Jesus was so one could be baptized, not for salvation.**

Acts 8:35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

Acts 8:36 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?**

Acts 8:37 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.

Acts 8:38 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.

Notice that even though Cornelius was a man of **constant prayer, good works of giving to the poor, and fearing God with all his house, he still was not saved** according to the message the angel had for him from God. **The plan of God for man had changed since Jesus died.** **The Law of Moses had ended at the Cross.** **The thief next to Jesus on the cross was the**

last one to be saved under the time of the Law. Obeying the commandments are no longer all that it takes to be saved. A new plan of salvation came into effect with Jesus' death. When the Apostle Peter came to Cornelius' house, Cornelius had his whole family and some relatives there and the same message was preached that Jesus is the Savior, He died for our sins and rose again and **that through His name we receive remission of sins through baptism in His Name and that a man can now receive the Holy Ghost.**

Acts 10:1 There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band,

Acts 10:2 **A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God always.**

Acts 10:3 He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius.

Acts 10:4 And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.

Acts 10:5 And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter:

Acts 10:6 He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: **he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.**

In Acts chapter 11:13-14 when Peter was rehearsing this event to the other Jews, he said that the angel told Cornelius that Peter would tell him words whereby he and all of his house **would be saved** which proves **although he was a good man, he needed to obey the new plan of God to be saved.**

Acts 10:21 Then Peter went down to the men which were sent unto him from Cornelius; and said, Behold, I am he whom ye seek: what is the cause wherefore ye are come?

Acts 10:22 And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, **was warned from God by an holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee.**

Acts 10:33 Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are **we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.**

Acts 10:34 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

Acts 10:43 To him give all the prophets witness, **that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.**

Acts 10:44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

Acts 10:45 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.

Acts 10:46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,

Acts 10:47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

Acts 10:48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

When the Apostle Peter returned from this trip with the six brethren he had taken with him as witnesses, he rehearsed with the Jews in Joppa what had taken place at Cornelius' house. He said they had received the Holy Ghost speaking in tongues when they believed on the Lord Jesus Christ and so he baptized them in the name of the Lord.

Acts 11:12 And the Spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house:

Acts 11:13 And he showed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter;

Acts 11:14 Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved.

Acts 11:15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning.

Acts 11:16 Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Acts 11:17 Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?

The disciples that the Apostle Paul found in Ephesus had been baptized by John the Baptist years earlier, and were waiting for the one who John had said would come that would baptize them with the Holy Ghost and fire. Paul preached the gospel of Jesus Christ unto them and then he rebaptized them. Why did they have to be rebaptized? Both John the Baptist and Paul immersed their converts in the water, but the difference was in what was said while putting them under the water. John, preached only a baptism of repentance with no name. Paul

baptized them using the authority and power of the name of Jesus. Then they, of course, **followed the same pattern of all the other conversions of the New Testament,** they received the Holy Ghost speaking in tongues.

Acts 19:1 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,

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.

Acts 19:3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto **John's baptism.**

Acts 19:4 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.

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

Acts 19:6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, **the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues,** and prophesied.

This is the end of our study. **Notice how that it was the same over and over again** in the evangelizing of the known world, preaching, believing, confessing, repentance, being baptized in Jesus' Name, and receiving the Holy Ghost speaking in other tongues. It all goes back to fulfill what Jesus said in John 3:5 - **"...Except a man be born of water and the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.** And in John 3:7 Marvel not that I say unto thee, **ye must be born again.**