

## **Salvation Series : Lesson #4 Salvation and the Holy Ghost**

In the previous lesson we looked at how before salvation a person is spiritually dead and as a result of trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ as your savior and believing in him for salvation that a person is spiritually born again. We also saw that immediately upon being saved and born again that a person is also spiritually circumcised. That is that their soul is separated from their body by what is called spiritual circumcision or the operation of God in **Colossians 2:9-13**.

In this lesson we are going to look at two additional things that the Holy Spirit does for you as a result of salvation. These two things are being sealed by the Spirit of God and receiving the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. As with being born again and spiritual circumcision these also happen the moment that you get saved.

Before looking at exactly what the Holy Ghost does for a person in regards to salvation let us look at who he is and what he does in regards to getting a lost person saved.

**1 John 5:7** “For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one.”

According to this verse the Holy Ghost is the 3<sup>rd</sup> member of the trinity. This verse is important because it tampered with in most all the new modern day bibles today to the point that it does not even say that the Holy Ghost is a member of the trinity. Somebody is trying to attack the doctrine of the Holy Ghost and we don't have to look far to see that it is Satan. Nevertheless this is one of the key verses in a King James Bible used to prove that the Holy Ghost is the 3<sup>rd</sup> member of the trinity.

We see that in **John 16:7-11** the Holy Ghost reproves the lost world of 3 things, these are listed below.

- 1) Of Sin because they believe not on Jesus Christ.
- 2) Of righteousness because Jesus went to his father and we see him no more.
- 3) Of judgment because the prince of this world is judged.

Before salvation the job of the Holy Ghost is to reprove lost people these three things. These three things are essential for a lost man to see in regards to getting saved. First he needs to sin that he is a sinner (**Romans 3:23**). Then as a sinner he sees that he has no righteousness and that the only way to become righteous is through the Lord Jesus Christ (**2 Corinthians 5:21**). Then he must realize that there is judgment for not believing on the Lord Jesus Christ and being saved and this judgment is the Lake of Fire prepared for Satan and his angels (**Revelation 20:15**).

### **Being Sealed by the Holy Spirit : (Ephesians 4:30)**

In the verse of Ephesians above we see that a saved person is said to be sealed unto the day of redemption. This takes place immediately upon being saved as we will see later in this lesson. The part of the person that is sealed is the soul. Now the flesh is not sealed that is why it still sins

as we said when we studied spiritual circumcision. Our flesh is still waiting till the rapture of the church when our flesh will be changed into a glorified body like the Lord Jesus Christ (**Philippians 3:20-21**).

Two other good references for being sealed by the Holy Ghost are **1 Corinthians 1:21-22** and **Ephesians 1:13-14**. We will look at the one in Ephesians specifically. Note that in **Ephesians 1:13** we see some steps that are involved in getting saved. After you hear the word of truth you must then believe and trust and then note that you are sealed right along with believing and trusting.

This is important because many teach that when you get saved you don't fully get the Holy Ghost until later. But here it is plain to see that as an immediate result of salvation we are sealed by the Holy Ghost.

### **The Baptism of the Holy Ghost : (1 Corinthians 12:12-13)**

Let us begin here by saying that this is a spiritual baptism and has nothing to do with water. In the context of 1 Corinthians 12 there is nothing about water or water baptism in the entire chapter. The context of the chapter is dealing with spiritual gifts and how God has given different saved people different gifts to build up and complete the body of Jesus Christ.

This passage is showing us that as a result of Salvation we are spiritually placed by baptism of the Holy Ghost into the body of Jesus Christ. The one Spirit in verse 13 is the Holy Spirit and the one body in verse 13 is the body of Christ. This is the one Baptism that is spoken of in **Ephesians 4:5**. This baptism is also connected with spiritual circumcision in **Colossians 2:9-13**. Being connected with this shows us once again that the baptism of the Holy Ghost takes place the moment we get saved not a some later date or event.

This baptism is also shown in **Romans 6:3-5**. This baptism has nothing to do with water baptism as a matter of fact water baptism according to **1 Peter 3:21** is a like figure for what has already taken place within us spiritually. Many will say that speaking in tongues is a result of this baptism because of what happened on the day of Pentecost but in **1 Corinthians 12:12-31** we see that not all are going to speak in tongues because it is a gift of the spirit and was not given to everyone that was saved. So to say that if a person has not spoken in tongues has not received the Holy Ghost is not scripturally true.

Also as a result of being spiritually in the body of Christ we have many blessing some of these are listed in **Ephesians 1:3-11**.

## **Salvation Series : Lesson #4 Handout**

### **Salvation and the Holy Ghost**

- 1) Give a reference for showing that the Holy Ghost is the third member of the trinity.
  
- 2) What are the three things that the Holy Ghost reproves a lost person for according to John 16:7-11?
  
- 3) What is it that the Holy Ghost does for us as a result of Salvation according to Ephesians 4:30?
  
- 4) List two other references for the answer in the previous question.
  
- 5) What is it that the Holy Ghost does for us as a result of Salvation according to 1 Corinthians 12:13?
  
- 6) Give two other references for the answer given in the previous answer.
  
- 7) What other process, that is a result of Salvation, which we have already discussed in this series is Baptism of the Holy Ghost connected with?
  
- 8) Is this process connected with water baptism? If not explain why?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 9) Name at least one benefit of being baptized into the Body of Christ.