

INTO THIS MARVELOUS LIGHT... A Bible Study

INTRODUCTION

- ✓ I Peter 2:9 – Into His Marvelous Light
- ✓ II Timothy 2:15 – We must rightly divide the Word of Truth
- ✓ II Peter 1:20-21 – The Scriptures are not for private interpretation
- ✓ Deuteronomy 4:2 / Proverbs 30:5-6 – Present The Pure Word of God without adding or taking away from it
- ✓ II Timothy 3:15-16 – All Scripture is given for instruction

INTO THE GOSPELS

- ✓ **John 1:1-5 and 14** – In the beginning, The _____ was God and became flesh – Jesus Christ is the Living Word of God
- ✓ **John 1:11-13** – If we believe in Him and receive Him, Jesus gives us power to become the sons of _____ by a supernatural birth
- ✓ **John 3:1-8** – The LORD told Nicodemus that everyone who wanted to see or enter into the Kingdom of God, must be born again of _____ and the _____
- ✓ **John 3:16-21** – Jesus also told Nicodemus that whosoever _____ in Him should have eternal life... 2 seemingly different requirements? ...Let us continue into His Marvelous Light
- ✓ **John 7:38-39** – If we believe on Him (According to The Word), we will receive The _____. Scriptural belief is more than just a change in the way we think
- ✓ **John 12:35-36 and 42-43** – Today, just as in Jesus' day, many believe on Him, but will not _____ Him for fear of what others will do or say
- ✓ **John 12:44-48** – Jesus warns that His _____ will judge us, so we must be careful not to reject it!
- ✓ **John 17:17-20** – In Jesus' prayer for His disciples, just before His crucifixion, He said God's Word is _____. He also prayed for us and all who would believe on Him through The Apostles' Word
- ✓ To find out what The Apostles' Word was to be, let's read what Jesus told them to proclaim... The Great Commission (not the great suggestion) – **Read Luke 24:45-49**
 1. Repentance preached
 2. Remission of sins to be preached in His Name
 3. The Promise of The Father will be fulfilled

Questions to consider and study as we continue our journey...

1. DID THE APOSTLES PREACH THE MESSAGE JESUS COMMANDED THEM TO PROCLAIM?
2. HOW WAS THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER FULFILLED?

INTO THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

- ✓ **Acts 1:3-5** – We discover that The Promise of The Father is The Baptism of The _____. This is the promise!
- ✓ **Acts 2:1-17** – While The Apostles were at Jerusalem, they, along with many others, were joyously filled with The Holy Ghost and began to speak with other _____ as The Spirit of God gave the utterance (ability to speak). Then Peter explained the promised coming of The Spirit and continued to preach Christ and the original plan of salvation.
- ✓ **Acts 2:36-39** – Peter replied by preaching the message Jesus commanded to be preached... Consider the three elements of The Plan of Salvation Peter preached in verse 38:
 1. REPENTANCE
 2. REMISSION OF SINS THROUGH BAPTISM IN JESUS' NAME
 3. RECEIVING THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST

NOTICE: **Acts 2:38** is the fulfillment of the two “new birth” requirements Jesus mentioned in **John 3:5** that were necessary to enter the Kingdom of God!

Water Birth = Baptism in The Name of Jesus Christ
Spirit Birth = Infilling of The Holy Ghost

SCRIPTURAL EXAMPLES: BEING BORN AGAIN OF WATER & THE SPIRIT

PHILIP PREACHING TO THE SAMARITANS IN ACTS 8...

NOTICE: Some people say when they experienced joy, or when they believed in Jesus, or when they were baptized, they were automatically filled with The Holy Ghost. But what does The Word say?

- ✓ **Acts 8:5-8** – Did they have great joy? YES or NO
- ✓ **Acts 8:12** – Did they believe in Jesus Christ? YES or NO
- ✓ **Acts 8:14-17** – Were they baptized in His Name? YES or NO
- Did they receive The Holy Ghost as a separate and distinct experience?
YES or NO

PETER PREACHING TO THE GENTILES IN ACTS 10...

NOTICE: Some people say being religious is enough, or that the Spirit-baptism evidenced by tongues was only for The Day of Pentecost. If The Bible says this is true, then it is true. But if The Word shows us through Cornelius' experience that this is not true... then it is not.

- ✓ **Acts 10:1-2** – Was Cornelius a religious man? YES or NO
- ✓ **Acts 10:5-6** – Did God have more for him to do? YES or NO
- ✓ **Acts 10:44-46** – Did they receive The Holy Ghost and speak in tongues after the day of Pentecost?
YES or NO
- ✓ **Acts 10:47-48** – Did they still have to be baptized in Jesus Name?
YES or NO

PAUL PREACHING TO JOHN'S DISCIPLES IN ACTS 19...

NOTICE: Many people who are believers haven't even heard about The Holy Ghost that is promised to them. Also, some people say it is not necessary to be baptized or re-baptized. (If you were baptized by John The Baptist, would you think it would be necessary to be re-baptized using a different baptismal formula?) Others say it does not matter what is spoken when you are baptized. If The Bible indicates it does not matter, then it doesn't. But what if The Bible shows us it DOES matter?

- ✓ **Acts 19:1-2** – They were believers, but had they heard of, or received The Holy Ghost?
YES or NO
- ✓ **Acts 19:3-5** – Did those baptized by John The Baptist have to be re-baptized in Jesus' Name?
YES or NO
- ✓ **Acts 19:6** – Was receiving The Holy Ghost accompanied by the initial evidence of speaking in tongues?
YES or NO

We have found that The Apostles preached the following salvation message:

1. The life of Christ and His death, burial and resurrection
2. Repentance toward God and belief in Jesus Christ
3. Baptism in water by immersion in Jesus' Name
4. Receiving The Gift of The Holy Ghost (which was accompanied by the initial evidence of speaking with other tongues)

Now let us read what The Apostles had to say about the message of salvation they proclaimed in the Book of Acts. We do this by reading The Epistles (letters) they wrote to their converts.

INTO THE EPISTLES (Letters)

The Apostles felt strongly about the gospel (good news) of salvation. This isn't because they were judgmental. It is because they knew The Word Jesus had given them to proclaim was going to judge all men.

- ✓ **What Did Peter Say? – I Peter 1:22-25** → Obedience to God's Word purifies our souls!
 - **Peter Asked a Question – I Peter 4:17-18**
 - **Paul Gave The Answer – II Thessalonians 1:7-8** → It is eternally important to obey The Gospel!
- ✓ **What Did Paul say? – Galatians 1:6-9** → There is only One Gospel!
- ✓ **What Did James Say? – James 1:21-24** → The Word is able to save your souls!
 - James tells us that if we see something we need to do, as we look into the "mirror of The Word", we should do it. Let us consider what we will do with what we have heard

➤ CONCLUSION

- ✓ **DO YOU BELIEVE** The Word of God is true and will judge us?
- ✓ **DO YOU BELIEVE** Jesus Christ is LORD and Savior?
- ✓ **DO YOU BELIEVE** it is necessary to repent by determining to turn from sin and giving your life to God?
- ✓ **DO YOU BELIEVE** water baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ is the Biblical way to be baptized?
- ✓ **DO YOU BELIEVE** The Baptism of The Holy Ghost is for you today, and when you receive it you will speak in other tongues as The Spirit of God gives you the ability, just as they did in The Bible?

***IF YOU BELIEVE THESE THINGS, PRAY RIGHT NOW,
ASKING GOD TO ALLOW YOU TO EXPERIENCE ALL THAT HE HAS FOR YOU!***

➤ SUPPLEMENTAL STUDY SCRIPTURES

- ✓ **Matthew 7:13-24** – God’s warning regarding false prophets
 - ✓ **Matthew 16:15-19** – Peter given the “keys to the kingdom”
 - ✓ **Other “Great Commission” scriptures:**
 - **Matthew 28:18-20** – “name” is singular in this command... The Apostles only baptized in The Name of Jesus and didn’t use titles (**See Acts 4:12**)
 - **Mark 16:15-18** – The importance of water baptism and the signs that follow the believers
 - ✓ **Acts 8:35-39** – Philip preached to The Ethiopian Eunuch (**See Romans 6:3-4**)
 - ✓ **Acts 10:34-43** – Peter preached
 - ✓ **I Peter 3:20-21** – According to Peter, baptism is essential
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***We encourage you to read through The Gospels, Acts and Epistles in detail...
and continue to walk, “...Into His marvelous light”!***