



Salvation

...the **gift of the Holy Spirit**"

A Study of Acts 2:38

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■ **What were these people promised?**

- The Holy Spirit Himself?
- A Gift from the Holy Spirit?
- Was the Holy Spirit Himself the gift or was He the giver?

Comparison of "gift of" Passages

- **John 4:10** Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the **gift of God**, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."
- **Ephesians 2:8** For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the **gift of God**,
- **Ephesians 4:7** But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of **the gift of Christ**.

Comparison of "gift of" Passages

- **Acts 8:20** But Peter said to him, "Your money perish with you, because you thought that **the gift of God** could be purchased with money!"
- **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.**"



The “*gift of the Holy Spirit*”

Immediate Context

- The point of Peter’s sermon
 - Acts 2:21; Joel 2:32
- Promise to “all nations”
 - Romans 10:12-13
 - Acts 2:39
 - Ephesians 2:13
- Salvation
 - Promised to both Jews and Gentiles

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The *“gift of the Holy Spirit”* Remote Context

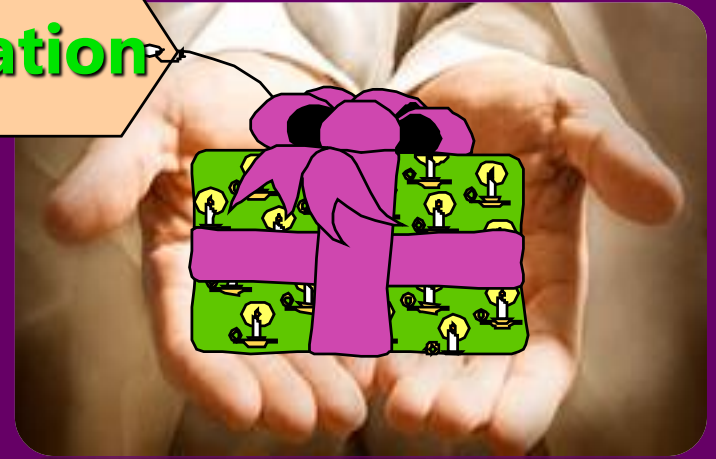
“But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you. I will deliver you from the Jewish people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, to **open their eyes**, in order to **turn them from darkness to light**, and from the **power of Satan to God**, that they may **receive forgiveness of sins** and an inheritance among those who are **sanctified by faith in Me.**” (Acts 26:16-18)

The “*gift of the Holy Spirit*” Remote Context

- Commentary on the “*gift of the Holy Spirit*”
 - Paul was not teaching anything different
 - The promised inheritance that resulted from their receiving the remission of sins was “the *gift of the Holy Spirit*”

How Can This Salvation Be the "gift of the Holy Spirit?"

Salvation



■ 1 Peter 1:3-23

- Called "children of obedience" (v14)
- Redeemed by the blood of Jesus (v18-19)
- Souls purified by obeying the truth (v22)
- Begotten by the Word of God (v23)

This is a description of the "*gift of the Holy Spirit*"



Acts 3:19

SALVATION is the *"gift of"* the **Holy Spirit**

- Salvation prophesied by the Holy Spirit
- Salvation announced by those who preached
- Their message validated by the Holy Spirit
- Promise to all who repent and are baptized
- All in compliance with Acts 2:38 receive the **"gift of the Holy Spirit"**