

Have ye received The HOLY GHOST since ye BELIEVED?

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?... Romans 10:13-15.

We all know that before we can believe in and/or on something or someone we first must have seen or heard of that in which we are to believe. The word of God tells us of a woman at the well that met Jesus. After this encounter the woman went and told the people to come see a man, which told me all things that ever I did. The word of God tells us that many believed in Jesus by what she had said but others had to go and hear Jesus for themselves before they would believe. When they did go and hear Jesus for themselves they said that now we believe for we have heard him ourselves (John 4:6-42). This is to say that there are some that will believe in Jesus by the experiences of others that have been told to them, but then there are others that must have their own experience with Jesus in order to believe. Now, since ye believed, the word of God tells us that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved (Romans 10:9). Once we have made this confession we must begin to seek the mind of Christ Jesus (Philippians 2:5). This is to say that though we are flesh and blood we should subject our flesh to death so that we can live by the Spirit. The only way we can die in our flesh is to humble ourselves to the word of God. Just as Jesus (who was flesh) humbled himself to the death of the cross (Phil 2:6-11) we should also die in our flesh. This is not to say we are going to die a physical death, but that we should present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service (Romans 12:1-2). We must remember that only by the word of God, which is the sword of the spirit, that we will be transformed from walking after the flesh but after the Spirit of Christ. After Jesus died the word of God tells us that he rose up a Spirit (The Christ),

even so we must seek a name change from flesh to Spirit (Romans 6:3-6). We are to seek this change so that we can put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof (Romans 13:14). We also should know that the word tells us that what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh. That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit (Romans 8:3-4).

The word of God tells us that many that are led by the Spirit of God they are the sons of God (Romans 8:14), but we must be careful by what spirit is leading us. In the King James Version of the bible we are told about the Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Ghost. The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me is used in reference to when the Lord God wanted to use someone or something to get a certain job done for him he would come upon them (Isaiah 11:2-5; Isaiah 61:1-4). The Holy Spirit is used in reference to the Father. The word of God tells us to be ye holy for the Lord your God is holy and also that God is a Spirit (Leviticus 11:44; 1 Peter 1:15-16; John 4:24). We know that the word of God tells us that we cannot please God in the flesh and also that no flesh can glory in his presence (Romans 8:8; 1 Corinthians 1:29) so then God (The Father) will only come up on us. The Father would do this so that he can use flesh to obey him in a certain purpose and also to draw us to his son, because Jesus said we cannot come to him except the Father draw him (John 6:44). To further let you know that the Holy Spirit belongs to the Father, Jesus says how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him (Luke 11:13). The Holy Ghost is used in reference to Jesus. Jesus himself tells us that he will not leave us comfortless. 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 (John 14:26). This is not to confuse you but to have you not ignorant because there is a difference between The Holy Spirit and The Holy Ghost. This is not to put away The Holy Spirit but to let you know that we must have The Holy Ghost on the inside of us because Jesus said no man cometh unto the Father but by him (John 14:6). Also the word states that greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world with he being Christ Jesus (1 John 4:4). If we study the word of God we would also see that those who followed Jesus talked about the Holy Ghost. This is why Paul when he ran into certain disciples he asked them, have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed (Acts 19:1-7)? Paul asked this question because he knew that we would only receive power after that the Holy Ghost have come and mainly because if anyone have not the Spirit of Christ they are none of his (Acts 1:8; Romans 8:9). Also we must remember that even though we have the Holy Ghost we have to receive all parts of the Holy Ghost not only the gifts of the Holy Ghost but also the Comforter and the Keeper (2 Timothy 1:14; John 16:7). We pray that the body of Christ will not get caught up in good

religion but get caught up in being the church who Jesus is coming back for without spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing (Ephesians 5:26-27). For we know that the word of God says that if any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain (James 1:26-27). We challenge you to get a King James Version of the bible and study up on the Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Ghost and seek the Lord for his revelation with an open heart not knowing nothing. Remember the word of God says that: Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar (Proverbs 30:5-6). As Paul stated in the word, consider what we say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things (2 Timothy 2:7). Please remember that because flesh cannot please God (The Father) he will only come up on flesh to get a job done (The Holy Spirit), but Jesus (The Son) because he was the word made flesh (John 1:14) he will come inside flesh to keep it (The Holy Ghost).

Questions to Consider:

- *How can you say you have the Holy Ghost and harbor hatred in your heart against your brother or sister? (Matthew 22:37-40; 1 John 4:19-21)*
- *How can you say you have the Holy Ghost and don't even in your heart have the desire to want to walk in the truth? (John 15:26; John 16:13; 1 John 4:6)*
- *How can you say you have the Holy Ghost and don't want old things to pass away and allow all things to become new? (2 Cor 5:17; Colossians 3:8-10)*
- *How can you say you have the Holy Ghost and be in the world and of the world? (John 15:18-19; 1 John 2:15-17)*
- *How can you say you have the Holy Ghost and sin willfully? (Hebrews 10:26)*
- *How can you say you have the Holy Ghost and take thought for your life? (Matthew 6:24-34; Proverbs 3:5-6)*
- *How can you say you have the Holy Ghost and rob God? (Malachi 3:6-12)*

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