

## THE ASSURANCE OF SCRIPTURAL SALVATION 11/11/12

*When God saves people, he does it in such a way that leaves no room for doubt... scripturally or emotionally. Doubts and fears (even false doctrine), can only rise when people move away from full scriptural evidence and start relying upon partial or incomplete references. Faith on its own is not enough, because faith is one sided. Unless God responds in a scriptural manner, then faith is vain... faith is a ripcord, it is not a parachute... the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit is where salvation dwells. Jesus said that signs and wonders would follow true believers... this allows true bible faith to be established.*

***Jesus was not confusing in the words he used... if you compare all his sayings with each other.***

**JOH 3:1** There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: **2** The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. **3** Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.** **4** Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

**5** Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born of \*water and of the \*\*Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.** See also... **ROM 8:9** But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the **Spirit of God** dwell in you. Now if any man have not the **Spirit of Christ**, he is none of his. **6** That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. **7 Marvel not** that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. **8** The **wind (spirit)** bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the **sound (\*\*\*)voice** thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: **so is every one that is born of the Spirit.** *Jesus likens the Holy Spirit to the wind. You can't see it coming or going but you can observe its power. Trees sway, leaves and dust blow, clouds move and distinctive sounds are created. These natural observations are used to identify different aspects of the Spirit... an aid to understanding. Verse 8 states that everyone that receives the Holy Ghost has the same evidence of the Spirit. Of the many aspects of the wind, Jesus chose specifically the sound of the wind (5456 gr phone... voice or language, 'phone' is translated as voice on 130 of its 131 uses... this is the only occasion where 'sound' is used). On the day of Pentecost (the first outpouring of the Holy Spirit); the sound that drew everyone to the scene was the supernatural manifestation of speaking in tongues. Note... Jesus told them in V7 to marvel not at these things.*

***The factual, historic record in Acts supports and confirms the full details that Jesus foretold.***

**ACT 8:5** Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. **6** And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. **7** For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed *with them*: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. **8** And there was great joy in that city. *(There was opposition from Simon... a false prophet).* **&12** But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were **baptized** (\*born of water Joh 3:5), both men and women. **&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: **15** Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: **16** (For as yet he was **fallen upon** none of them: **only** they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) **17** Then laid they *their* hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost (\*\*\*)born of the spirit, Joh 3:5). **18** And when Simon **saw** that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, *What did he see that was not already evident? There were already many signs and miracles. Peter reveals further details shortly afterwards....*

***Peter also reveals the answer at the Gentile conversion... how did he know they were born again (saved)?***

**ACT 10:44** While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost **fell on all them which heard the word.** **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. **46** **For** they heard them **speak with tongues** (\*\*\*)the sound of the Spirit Joh 3:8), and magnify God. Then answered Peter... you need to be baptised... Peter further validates his observation by quoting Jesus... **ACT 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. *When the whole story is weighed up... the evidence is scripturally complete and this is also confirmed today, because people still speak in tongues through the life saving power that God has put within them. Anything less is only watered down doctrine. Complete assurance is guaranteed and nothing less should be expected.*