

THE CALIBRATION OF LIFE

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All sciences have tools or documented comparisons so any device or formula can be calibrated against a proven measure or standard. The reality of bible salvation is based on a series of promises and actions which God has promised through his Holy Spirit, of which he confirms. God is well aware of human failure and has thus calibrated his word and blessings with signs and evidence outside of intellectual and emotional factors alone. Like the Prime Meridian (the 0° line of longitude) used for all charting and travelling on the earth's surface, the church needs a fixed starting point of reference, or natural wisdom will corrupt spiritual truths.

God uses his word and power to calibrate his word. 1COR 2:13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; **comparing spiritual things with spiritual.**

The following observations are all in context, in the same chapter, explaining the same event. The law of first mention can be considered.

Starting Point: the beginning of the New Testament church. ACT 2:3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon **each of them.** **4** And they were **all filled** with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. *Scriptural truth is calibrated by spiritual signs.*

Explanation. 16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; **17** And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will **pour out** of my Spirit upon **all flesh:** *Peter uses the prophecy to calibrate this event.*

Summary. 37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? **38** Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the **gift of the Holy Ghost.** **39** For the promise is unto **you**, and to **your children**, and to all that are **afar off**, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. *Peter also makes it clear that this same event would be the norm till Christ returns.*

Paul the apostle also conforms to the same rules of salvation.

Paul gets saved. ACT 9:17 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. **18** And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was **baptized.**

Paul confirms further details about this experience in his letter to the Corinthian church, particularly in chapter 14.

Gentile conversion. 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** (*identifying and confirming Joel's prophecy*). **46 For** (*the consistent evidence*) they heard them **speak with tongues**, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, **47** Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? *These two explanations reveal separate information... that's why we compare.*

As Peter further explains the scriptural calibration identifying true salvation, he quotes the basic message which John the Baptist preached as being identical.

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.** **17** Forasmuch then as God gave them the **like gift** as he did unto us, who **believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand** (*deny or refuse*) **God?** **18** When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted **repentance unto life** (*the forgiveness of sins*). **They accepted the same consistent measure.**

The following salvation calibration was recorded almost 800 years before it first happened.

ISA 28:9 Whom shall he teach **knowledge?** and whom shall he make to **understand doctrine** (*a further revelation of knowledge and wisdom coming from the same experience*)? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. **10** For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; *The scientific method.*

line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: **11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.** **12** To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: **yet they would not hear** (*refused God's calibration and chose another setting*). **13** But the word of the LORD was unto them (*those who chose other intellectual or emotions options, as opposed to the actual proof God offered*) precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

The above verses fit perfectly with the law of first mention and equally are quoted by Paul in 1Corinthians 14 in the same context as read here.

Confirming the correct calibration that began at Pentecost. EPH 2:19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but **fellowcitizens with the saints**, and of the household of God; **20** And are built upon the **foundation** of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; **21** In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: **22** In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God **through the Spirit.** *The same spiritual calibration is consistent.*

The communion is a time of recalibration... the reassurance of humble and faithful service unto the Lord's people.

1COR 11:31 For if we would **judge** ourselves, we should not be judged. *The forgiveness of sins is nothing more than a recalibration of our status with God. That can only happen when the true power is within us.*