

# THE GREAT OUTPOURING

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*The New Testament began with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit... a new and living way that is able to deal with all the sins and failings of all people (all backed with signs). ACT 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea (1<sup>st</sup> outpouring), and in Samaria (2<sup>nd</sup> outpouring), and unto the uttermost part of the earth (3<sup>rd</sup> outpouring).*

**MAT 10:5 ... Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: 6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.**

**1. The Jewish Conversion, Pentecost. ACT 2:4** And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. (v6 they all heard them speaking in tongues). & **16** But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; **17** And it shall come to pass in the last days (New covenant), saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: **18** And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: & **33** Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. [Peter, who's original name was Simon Bajona (son of Jonah) was imitating his names sake Jonah, who delivered 120 thousand people from Nineveh.] Peter saw 120 people filled with Spirit on the first outpouring of the Spirit. Salvation is sign based, being seen and heard, even today.

**ACT 2:39** 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 (the whole gospel age).

**2. The Samaritan conversion. ACT 8:5** Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria (Jews despised Samaritans because they were part Jew [Northern Kingdom captives] and part Assyrian [Gentile] around 720BC), 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. The Samaritans are seen as half castes or 'dogs' up to this point. & **12** But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. **13** Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done. **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: This was as notable as the Gentile conversion that was yet to come. **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 (alone) they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) At this stage the people had demonstrated unity in purpose v6, great joy v8, believed the gospel message, were baptised in water v12, were partakers of miracles and signs v13, but as yet, none were saved!! **17** Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost. How did they know? **18** And when Simon \*\*saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,

*When someone receives the Holy Spirit there is always signs... they heard them speaking in tongues.*

**3. The Gentile conversion. ACT 10:45** And they of the circumcision (Jews) 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 (because) they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify (rejoicing in the tangible experience) God.

*Saul (Paul) the Apostle was named after king Saul; both from the tribe of Benjamin. Both persecuted the anointed of the Lord... Paul to his credit repented.*

**Paul's conversion. 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. Paul was a blasphemer, murderer, enemy of the church... caused many saints to blaspheme, sold their assets, sold them into slavery and other horrible acts. His sins were worse than David's, but both understood and promoted the true mercy of the Lord... once anointed with the Spirit.

*God's mercy and gracious attitude to us is magnified once again... this time it is Paul who expands the great mercy that is available to the church.*

**Gospel promises (starting from Moses, till this day). ACT 13:34** And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David. Paul rejoiced in the sure mercies of David; the same mercy available to all of us. Paul was able to expand the scriptures like no other.

*Let's conclude by explaining another great misunderstanding about mercy and forgiveness. What Is the unforgivable sin?*

**What is the Sin unto death? 1JOH 5:16** If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it. **17 All unrighteousness is sin:** and there is a sin not unto death. The only unforgivable sin, is the sin that is not repented of... this often happens when people give up on walking in the spirit altogether.

*\*\*What other evidence did Simon see that is not detailed here, but is consistent with the other scriptural evidence in similar experiences? Gifts (signs of the Spirit)... Faith, Miracles, Healing, Wisdom, Knowledge, Discerning of Spirits, They had already experienced the 'bold' gifts and were still unsaved. Tongues (the common sign that can be heard and seen), Interpretation, Prophecy. Which one of these could identify the indwelling Spirit and salvation as described here? There is only one consistent answer.*