

When Was Cornelius Saved?

- ✘ While he was praying?
- ✘ When the angel appeared?
- ✘ When Peter began to speak?
- ✘ When the Holy Spirit came?
- ✘ When he heard the full message?
- When he obeyed the command?

“In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him” (Acts 10:35)

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WORKS
RIGHTEOUSNESS

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‘RIGHTEOUSNESS’

is worked

THROUGH THE
COMMANDMENTS

- “Your testimonies. . . are **righteous and very faithful**” (Ps. 119:138)
- “. . .all Your commandments are **righteousness**” (Ps. 119:172)

“For it would have been better for them not to have

known the way of

righteousness,

than having known it, to

turn from the holy

commandment

delivered to them” (2 Pet. 2:21)

How are we purified by faith?

“And made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith” (Acts 15:9)

After the Gentiles:

⇒ **Heard** (Acts 11:14)

⇒ **Believed** (Acts 10:43)

⇒ **Repented** (Acts 11:18)

⇒ **Baptized** in the name of the Lord
(Acts 10:48; cf. 2:38)

Then their hearts were “purified by faith!”

“Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth. . .” (I Pet. 1:22)

How was Cornelius saved?

Not By

Good Moral life

(Acts 10:2,22)

Prayer

(Acts 10:2; cf. 9:11;
22:16)

Faith Only

(Acts 10:33-35; 11:18)

Angelic Appearance

(Acts 10:3-6; 11:13-14)

Holy Spirit Baptism

(Acts 11:14; 15:7-9)

But By:

Words

(Acts 11:14; 10:33; Rom.
1:16; I Pet. 1:23-25)

Faith

(Acts 10:43; 15:7-9;
20:21)

Repentance

(Acts 11:18; 2:38; 3:19)

Baptism

(Acts 10:48; 2:38; I Pet.
1:18, 19, 22; 3:21)

Grace (Acts 15:11)

“Speaking By The Holy Spirit”

***SPEAKING BY THE HOLY SPIRIT DOESN'T
NECESSARILY IMPLY THAT ONE IS IN
GOOD STANDING WITH GOD.***

- **Saul**, while seeking to kill righteous David had the Spirit of God upon him, and he prophesied (I Sam. 19:18-24)
- **Balaam**, a soothsayer, was permitted to speak by the Spirit of God (Num. 24:1, 2; 23:3; cf. Josh. 13:22)
- **A donkey** spoke (Num. 22:28)
- **Caiaphas** prophesied (Jn. 11:49-52); he was a persecutor of the church (Acts 4:6ff)

IF

*Holy Spirit Baptism
means water baptism is
not essential. . .*

THEN

*Why did Peter command
it? (See Acts 10:47, 48)*

IF

Holy Spirit Baptism
negates water
baptism . . .

THEN

Holy Spirit Baptism
negates faith!

*Holy Spirit fell as Peter began
to speak (Acts 11:15)*

*But faith comes by hearing
(Rom. 10:17)*

***Acts 11:15, "And as I began to speak,
the Holy Spirit fell upon them, as upon
us at the beginning."***

KJV ----- "And as I began to speak. . ."

NKJV ----- "And as I began to speak. . ."

ASV ----- "And as I began to speak. . ."

NAS ----- "And as I began to speak. . ."

NIV ----- "Just as I was starting to speak. . ."

YLT ----- "And in my beginning to speak. . ."

If Holy Spirit Baptism Is Essential for Salvation Then . . .

- The apostles were **lost** until Pentecost
- The 120 disciples of Christ were **lost** (Acts 1:15)
- The Samaritans who believed and were baptized in the name of the Lord were **lost** (Acts 8:12)

“For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus” (Acts 8:16).

If Holy Spirit Baptism happens at the moment when one places faith in Jesus, then. . .

- the apostles were **infidels** until Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4)
- The 120 disciples of Christ were **unbelievers** (Acts 1:15)
- The Samaritans, though 'believed' and were 'baptized' in the name of the Lord were still unbelievers (Acts 8:12, 16).
- Conversely, Cornelius' household believed before hearing the full gospel (Acts 10:6; 11:14, 15).

This is a "Backwards Gospel!"

OBSERVABLE PHENOMENA **WITH HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM**

**MEN SPOKE WITH TONGUES
SOUND AS A RUSHING WIND
APPEARED DIVIDED
TONGUES AS OF FIRE**

**WILL MY OPPONENT AFFIRM THAT HE HAS
BEEN HOLY SPIRIT BAPTIZED?**

“And suddenly there came a **sound** from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there **appeared** to them divided tongues, as of fire. . . . And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with tongues. . . .” (Acts 2:2-4).

Ac 2:33

“Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.”