

# FACTS ABOUT HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM

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1. Holy Spirit baptism was foretold by Joel in the Old Testament -- Joel 2: 28 - 32.
  - (1) *"I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh"* -- Joel 2:28.
  - (2) This prophesy includes both Jewish and Gentile flesh.
  - (3) The fulfillment of this to the Jews occurred on the day of Pentecost -- Acts 2: 16 - 21; 2:22.
  - (4) The fulfillment to the Gentiles occurred at the house of Cornelius.
    1. We learn *"on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost"* -- Acts 10: 45.
    2. *"which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we"* -- Acts 10:47.
    3. *"The Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning"* -- Acts 11:15.
    4. *"God gave them the like gift as he did unto us"* -- Acts 11:17.
      - a. The word "like" means "equal" --*W.E. Vines*
      - b. *"so if God gave them the same gift as he gave us, who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could oppose God"* (NIV) -- Acts 11:17.
2. The comparison between these two events:
  - (1) Only TWO recorded events of Holy Spirit Baptism administered by Christ directly from heaven -- Matt. 3:11; Acts 2:33
  - (2) Both instances were attested by the same miraculous sign, *"speaking in tongues"* -- Acts 2:4; Acts 10:46
    1. This signifying that the Holy Spirit had actually taken possession of those involved.
3. We can only know the Purpose of something by the use made of it.
4. Whatever promises were made to the Apostles were received by the Apostles, and whatever promises were made to the Gentiles were received by them.
5. Cornelius and his household did not receive that which was promised exclusively to the Apostles -- John 14: 16 - 17, 26; John 15:26; John 16: 7 - 13; Luke 24:49.
  - (1) Cornelius was baptized with the Holy Spirit.
  - (2) Both Jews and Gentiles received the same miraculous sign -- speaking in tongues -- Acts 2:4; 10:46.