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THE CHURCH OF THE NEW TESTAMENT – LESSON 32

IS SCRIPTURAL IN TEACHING MIRACULOUS MANIFESTATIONS OF THE SPIRIT HAVE CEASED – PART 2

- The Special Case Of Cornelius** (Acts 10-11) This miracle of speaking in tongues (10:46) by the Caesarean gentiles was (a) before they were baptized for remission of sins, and (b) was for benefit of the six Jewish brethren (11:12) who accompanied Peter. Paul said (1 Cor 14:22), “*Wherefore _____ are for _____, not to them that believe, but _____*.” (c) The Jews “believed not” that gentiles were acceptable as Christians. (d) The miracle was to convince them that they were acceptable. (e) It had nothing to do with personal salvation.
- It Was A One-Time Occurrence** (a) It was not for the purpose of personal salvation. They were later commanded, after Peter completed his message, (10:48) “*to be baptized _____ the Lord.*” (b) This one miraculous example convinced the Jewish Christians in Jerusalem (11:18) that “*then hath God also to the Gentiles granted _____ unto _____.*” (c) Ethnic problems continued but this miracle proved that the gospel was to be preached to “*every creature.*”
- It Was Different From Holy Spirit Baptism Of The Apostles On Pentecost (Acts 2)** The apostles were the executors of Christ’s last will and testament (ie: the NT law of Christ). They probated His will on Pentecost Day. The (tongue speaking – Acts 2:4) was to convince the Jewish audience that God empowered them. Only the apostles (the first generation) had power to transmit miraculous power to someone else (second generation). (Acts 8:18) “*Simon saw that through _____ the Holy Ghost was given.*” The Caesarean gentile tongue speaking served a purpose; the apostles continued to use miraculous power to confirm the Word.
- What Happened In Samaria** (Acts 8) Philip went there (V5) to evangelize. He was one of the seven men (Acts 6) who were (V6) “*set before _____: and when they had prayed, they _____.*” Philip performed miracles in Samaria (8:6-7) and Simon, a sorcerer, considered (V13) “*the _____ and signs which were done.*”
- More** It was only after two apostles, Peter and John, came to Samaria that “*Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given.*” Verse? _____ Simon didn’t ask Philip to impart power to him because he knew that Philip was “second generation” and couldn’t pass on the power. He went directly to the apostles, knowing they were “first generation.”
- Still More** That’s why we don’t have miraculous gifts today; the apostles are long dead. *Transmittal power* died when they died. Are any “the second generation” Christians still living? _____ If not, can men perform miracles today? _____ The power given directly by the Holy Spirit to the apostles was the supernatural measure, not the ordinary measure of the Holy Spirit which every converted sinner receives when he (Gal 3:27) puts on Christ in NT baptism.

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