Acts of the Holy Spirit

The Work of the Holy Spirit for the Glory of God and the Purpose of Evangelism (Acts 11) "The Holy Spirit: God's Gift to Everyone Who Believes" October 27, 2024

BIG IDEA:

The Holy Spirit is a gift of God's grace to those who believe. He is also the proof and guarantee of someone's salvation. He does not show favoritism. He comes to those who repent and believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

I. Possession of the Holy Spirit is _____

"As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. Then I remembered what the Lord had said: 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?" When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life." (Acts 11:15–18, NIV)

APPLICATION:

Use the Gift God Gave You!

• He _____ you.

"<u>The Spirit told me</u> to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house." (Acts 11:12, ESV)_

• He _____ you.

"One of them, named Agabus, stood up and <u>predicted by the Spirit</u> that there would be a severe famine throughout the Roman world. This took place during the reign of Claudius." (Acts 11:28, CSB)

II. Receiving the Holy Spirit is a _____

"When he arrived and saw <u>the grace of God</u>, he was glad and encouraged all of them to remain true to the Lord with devoted hearts," (Acts 11:23, CSB)

Caution: You will be criticized!

When Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party <u>criticized him</u>, saying, "You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." (Acts 11:2–3, CSB)

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