

## Gift – Pt 2 the gifts of God

This is our second study on the word “gift”. In our previous study we looked at the meaning of the word “gift” and established three points – (1) God’s children bring gifts to their heavenly Father, (2) the children of God (Israel) received gifts from their heavenly Father, and (3) God is no respecter of persons and nor does he take a gift.

In this study we establish an additional three points – (1) We give good gifts to our children, how much more will our heavenly Father give us good things to them that ask, (2) the gift of God is living water – the Holy Ghost, and (3) the gifts of the Holy Spirit differ between brethren according to the grace we are given.

Our three points established from the scriptures –

### 1. We give good gifts to our children – how much more will our heavenly Father give us good things to them that ask him?

“If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?” (Matt.7: 11).

### 2. The gift of God is living water – the Holy Ghost

“Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water” (Jn.4: 9, 10). c.f.: – Jn 7:38 & 39– “He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit...)”

### 3. The gifts of the Spirit differ according to the grace we are given

“Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith” (Rom 12:6).

#### Illustration

“The modern Pentecostal movement began with a new understanding concerning the baptism in the Holy Spirit. The distinction in the doctrine is both the matter of tongues as evidence and the issue of subsequence...”<https://www.scribd.com/book/268081778/The-Baptism-in-the-Holy-Spirit-A-Pentecostal-Perspective?>

#### Questions to think about.

Is there such an event as – baptism of the Spirit subsequent to conversion where a believer receives the gifts of the Spirit?

#### Answers from the scriptures

1. Evidence for the doctrine of the gift of the Spirit – is the recipient speaks in tongues. But if the gift they refer to in scripture is speaking in another known language rather than speaking babel – how relevant is their evidence for the gift?
2. At conversion a person is baptised by the Spirit into the body of Christ, they are sealed by the Holy Spirit after believing the gospel (Eph.1: 13), then what is the logic of an additional baptism of the gift of the Spirit?
3. One passage that speaks of the Spirit falling on people is Acts 10, where the Spirit comes upon those present after they heard Peter’s preaching (Acts 10: 44).
4. The majority of verses quoted by the Pentecostals to support their doctrine are in the book of Acts. But the book of Acts is not a book of doctrine, but a book of the actions of the early church. Finally my brethren, let us remember that “the gifts and calling of God are without repentance” (Rom.11: 29), they are by grace!