

The Promised Gift of the Father - Pt 1



Introduction

While God has given many promises, and many gifts, The Holy Spirit is the one gift specifically referred to as the **Promised Gift of the Father** and as such it is essential for us to understand and to take action on this important gift.

Point 1: Promises, Gifts and Fatherhood

- God's Promises Are Precious, Unchanging, and Trustworthy (Numbers 23:19, 2 Peter 1:4)
- Unlike human gifts that sometimes come with conditions, God's gifts are unconditional.
- God is a Good Father. (Ephesians 3:14-15, the Prodigal Sons - Luke 15:11-32)

Point 2: The first Scenario - Pentecost

- Jesus reiterates the Father's promise of the Holy Spirit - Acts 1:4-5
- The Spirit is poured out on them all at Pentecost - Acts 2:1-4
- Peter explains and refers to the Promise in Joel - Act 2:16-18, 21, 33
- Peter tells the people how they (and we) can receive the gift - Act 2:37-39

Point 3: The second Scenario - The Galatians

- Paul explains that Jesus' death on the cross set us free from the "curse of the law", and brought us into the "Blessing of Abraham" - Gal 3:13-14
- The summary - this place of blessing is called "the promise of the Spirit" - Gal 3:14
- He explains that we can never earn or deserve this gift - Gal 3:2-12

Conclusion: Practical Life Applications

- **Jesus Encourages Us to Ask for the Holy Spirit** (Luke 11:11-13)
 - God is a good Father who gives good gifts to those who ask.
 - The Holy Spirit is available to everyone who seeks Him.
- **It Is a Matter of Faith, Not Worthiness**
 - Many people struggle with feeling **unworthy** of the Holy Spirit.
 - The Bible makes it clear: **The Spirit is given as a gift, not as a reward.**

Questions

1. What does it mean that the Holy Spirit is a "promised gift" from the Father?
2. Why do you think some people struggle to receive the Holy Spirit as a free gift?
3. How can we actively rely on the Holy Spirit in our daily lives?

List of Verses used in this talk

Num 23:19 NKJV - "19 "God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"

2Pe 1:4 NKJV - "4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

Jas 1:17 NKJV - "17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning."

Eph 3:14-15 ESV - "14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named," (*Or from whom all fatherhood; the Greek word *patria* in verse 15 is closely related to the word for *Father* in verse 14*)

Rom 8:15 NKJV - "15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father.""

Lk 15:11-32 - the Prodigal sons

Acts 1:4-5 - 4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the **Promise of the Father**, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; 5 "for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." (Also in Luk 24:49)

2Co 1:20 NIV - "20 For no matter how many **promises** God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God."

Acts 2:1-4 and following - Pentecost happens...a crowd gathers,& Peter explains...

Act 2:16-18, 21 NKJV — "16 "But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 17 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. 18 And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy. " 21 And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved."

Acts 2:33 - 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.

Act 2:37-39 NKJV — "37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" 38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the **gift** of the Holy Spirit. 39 "For the **promise** is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

Gal 3:13-14 NKJV "13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), 14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the **promise** of the **Spirit** through faith."

Gal 3:2-12 NKJV — "2 This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?"

"3 Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?"

"5 Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?— 6 just as Abraham "believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." 7 Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham." 9 So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.

10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them."

11 But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for "the just shall live by faith." 12 Yet the law is not of faith, but "the man who does them shall live by them."

Pro 26:2 NIV - "2 Like a fluttering sparrow or a darting swallow, an undeserved curse does not come to rest."

Abraham's blessing - Gen 12:2-3 NKJV - "2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Rom 4:13 NKJV - "13 For the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith."

Luke 11:11-13 - 11 "If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he **give** him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? 12 "Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 "If you then, being evil, know how to **give** good **gifts** to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father **give** the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"