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Covenant***

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No assuming.

No rushing.

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This order is essential. When followed correctly, your understanding will grow the way it was designed to. When ignored, confusion increases, and what should take weeks can take years.

**TRUTH RECEIVED OUT OF SEQUENCE INTENSIFIES
CONVICTION WITHOUT PROVIDING STABILITY.**

These studies are designed for anyone, regardless of background, tradition, or what they currently believe to be true. Whether you have spent years studying or have never opened the Scriptures, it does not matter. What matters is this, are you willing to listen, willing to study, and willing to test everything by the Word of God? If so, the truth will open to you exactly as it was written to be understood.

Opening Exhortation: A Letter Before the Study.

Examine Yourselves for an Indwelling: Do Not Build Your Walk on a Moment

There is a question that many quietly carry but rarely face with honesty:

If you say you love God, why do you keep returning to the very things He has already shown you to leave behind?

And beneath that is an even deeper struggle. Why do you still feel unforgiven at times? Why does pride keep rising? Why does change seem so difficult even after years of believing?

Before you try another method or another burst of effort, there is a command that cannot be skipped.

You must examine yourselves to see whether you are truly in the faith.

That command is not written to outsiders. It is written to people who already believe they belong to God. The purpose is not to comfort assumptions, but to test what is real.

Because the issue is not how hard you try. The issue is whether the Holy Ghost truly dwells within you.

It is possible to agree with doctrine, attend gatherings, serve, give, and even feel conviction, and still not have the Spirit of God living inside. When the Spirit is not truly present, change becomes a cycle of effort and collapse. You try, you improve for a while, you fall, you feel shame, and then you begin again. The pattern repeats because the nature underneath has never been made new.

When the Holy Ghost truly dwells within a person, something deeper than behavior begins to shift. Desires change. Sin no longer feels normal. What once felt comfortable begins to trouble the conscience. You may still stumble, but you cannot live at peace with what once ruled you.

Many have been taught to measure their salvation by a moment they once experienced. A night they cried. A service where they felt overwhelmed. A time when God seemed very near.

But an experience with the Holy Ghost is not the same as the Holy Ghost dwelling within you. A moment can be real and still not be conversion.

The Spirit of God can move around a person without permanently dwelling within that person. A visitation is not the same as a habitation.

Consider Paul. He encountered the Lord on the road to Damascus in a way few people ever have. He saw the light, heard the voice, and spoke directly with Him. Yet after that moment he was left blind, fasting, and waiting. Days later he was still instructed to arise, be baptized, and have his sins washed away. The encounter was real, but it was the beginning of obedience, not the proof that everything was complete.

The question is not whether something spiritual has ever happened to you. The question is whether your life has come under a new Master.

If the Holy Ghost truly dwells within you, your relationship with sin will not remain the same. You may fall, but you will not settle. Conviction returns. Resistance grows. The old life stops feeling like home.

First Examination: Has the Indwelling Truly Happened?

Do not answer quickly. Answer honestly.

Did your turning to God include true repentance, not only regret, but a decision to leave the old life behind?

Did you openly confess Christ as Lord, not only with words, but with the surrender of your authority over your own life?

Were you baptized with water as an act of obedience, understanding it was connected to the remission of your past sins rather than treated as a casual symbol?

At that moment, did you call upon the Lord with intention, asking Him to cleanse and receive you?

Immediately after your baptism, was prayer made over you and were hands laid on you for the indwelling of the Holy Ghost as part of the same covenant moment?

Are you certain that the person who performed the baptism had been appointed by God, or at least sent under the authority of someone appointed by God, and understood that this act was connected to the remission of your past sins?

This matters because no person has power in themselves to forgive sins. Only God forgives. Yet Christ entrusted His servants with the responsibility to carry out the covenant act through which God grants that one time remission. If the one performing the baptism did not understand or was not sent with that responsibility, the moment may have been treated as a ceremony rather than an act of obedience joined with faith.

Was this done with clear purpose, not tradition, not pressure, but faith joined with obedience?

Afterward, has there been evidence that your life is no longer under the same master it once served?

Do you now experience ongoing conviction when you move toward sin rather than comfort in it?

If you are not one hundred percent certain that the indwelling truly happened, or that your baptism was carried out according to what God has commanded, there is no reason to delay correcting it. There is no shame in doing it again. It is better to settle the foundation than to defend a moment that may not have been complete.

Second Examination: If the Foundation Is Certain, Examine Your Obedience

If you are truly certain that you received the indwelling of the Holy Ghost, then another question must be faced.

Are you walking in the faith of obedience?

If the Spirit of God lives within you, yet your life still feels trapped in cycles of shame, pride, compromise, or distance, then the issue is no longer the foundation. The issue is resistance.

What is hindering the work of the Holy Ghost in your life?

Where are you resisting conviction?

What have you allowed to remain that God has already told you to remove?

Why does righteousness feel difficult while old habits still feel familiar?

The Spirit does not fail in His work. When growth stops, it is not because He has weakened. It is because something is being protected that should have been surrendered.

Sometimes the obstacle is hidden sin that has been justified.

Sometimes it is unforgiveness that hardens the heart.

Sometimes it is divided loyalty, wanting God's promises without yielding full control.

And many times, the obstacle is pride.

Not loud pride. Quiet pride.

The kind that says, "I was already baptized. I do not need to do that again."

The kind that protects a past moment instead of testing whether it was truly done according to what God required.

The kind that trusts a person's sincerity instead of verifying obedience to the Word.

The kind that worries more about what others will say than about whether God was truly obeyed.

This is the pride that keeps people standing outside the door while believing they are already inside.

If there is doubt about the beginning, humility corrects it. Pride defends it.

If you are unwilling to reexamine your foundation because it would be uncomfortable, embarrassing, or misunderstood by others, then people's opinions have more authority over you than truth.

God is not offended when someone humbles himself and says, “I need to make sure this was done right.” But the Spirit is resisted when a person senses conviction and still refuses to move because of reputation, tradition, or fear.

So, the question becomes direct.

Are you protecting your image, or are you protecting your soul?

Are you defending a memory, or are you willing to obey God even if it costs your pride?

If the Holy Ghost truly dwells within you, then obedience will always be more important than appearance.

If the foundation is real, then alignment must follow.

Remove what grieves the Spirit.

Respond immediately to conviction.

Do not negotiate with what God has already judged.

Do not excuse what He has already commanded you to leave.

First, make sure the Spirit truly dwells within you.

Then make sure nothing in your life is resisting His rule.

Because a correct foundation without obedience produces frustration, and obedience without a true foundation produces exhaustion. When both stand together, the life God promised begins to grow from the inside out.

The Verdict of Scripture

There is a warning in Scripture that many read but few allow to judge them.

Titus 1:16 says, “They profess that they know God; but in works they deny Him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.”

This is not written about open unbelievers. It is written about people who claim to know God. The charge is not that they spoke the wrong words, but that their lives contradicted what their mouths declared. They professed Him, yet their works denied Him.

In the sight of God, this condition is not described as weakness or normal human failure. It is described as abominable because it is built on self-deception. Scripture is not speaking about someone who hates their sin and is fighting to overcome it. It is speaking about a person who continues in what God has already condemned while convincing themselves that they still belong to Him. That is not humility, and it is not brokenness. It is a lie a person tells their own soul.

God does not call this a struggle. He calls it disobedience. When someone knows what He has judged and still chooses to remain in it, their profession becomes empty. They may say they know God, but their life proves they are still serving another master.

This is why the language is severe. A person can speak the right words, hold the right memories, and still be spiritually deceived. They believe they are safe while their life is moving in the opposite direction of God’s authority.

The verse continues and calls such a person disobedient and reprobate. Disobedient is not confusion or lack of knowledge. It is

the will refusing to submit even after truth is known. Reprobate means rejected after testing, examined and found unapproved, like metal placed in the fire and proven to be impure. The verdict of Scripture is clear. A person may speak as if they know God, yet when their life is examined, they do not pass the test.

This exposes another deception that has spread widely. Salvation is not a moment that removes all responsibility afterward. The gospel of Christ does not teach that once a person is saved, nothing that follows can place them in danger. Salvation is truly received, but it must also be maintained through continued faith and obedience until the end of one's life.

If a person were to receive the remission of sins and the indwelling of the Holy Ghost and then die immediately, that person would enter into life because their standing was clean at that moment. But if that same person continues living for many years, their life must remain under the rule they once confessed. Salvation is not proven only at the beginning. It is proven by endurance.

At the end of life, every person will stand before God and be judged according to their works. This does not mean that good deeds purchase salvation, but that a life reveals which authority it truly followed. The works a person practices show whether they obeyed what God asked of them or whether they continued in what He condemned. There are works that come from submission to God, and there are works that come from rebellion against Him. One leads toward life, the other toward rejection. A person is not judged by what they once claimed to believe, but by the pattern their life proved. The final judgment will expose whether your life obeyed God or only spoke about Him.

Self-deception is dangerous because it feels like peace while leading to destruction. If a person remains in that state until death, still claiming to know God while refusing to submit to what He has already commanded, that person will be cast out. The tragedy is not ignorance. The tragedy is believing you belong to Him while your life proves you never surrendered to His rule.

God does not judge by what someone once claimed. He judges by what their life proved. The verdict is not based on profession, but on whether the life stands approved when it is tested.

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The Full Biblical Study.

What about the Holy Ghost?

(Answer to JD's Question #5 "Why did Paul baptize some disciples again to receive the Holy Ghost in Acts 19?" from B2-C01-S07- A Common Salvation Story Examined.

Pastor X said: "The incident of Acts 19 is unique. There you have 12 men that are believers and are rebaptized. This happened because they were baptized by John the Baptist, and they knew nothing about the church age or the coming of the Holy Spirit. And because of this, Paul deemed it necessary to rebaptize them. The evidence that they had already been saved is substantial. First Luke refers to them as disciples. Second, Paul speaks of them as those who have believed. Again, God's Word says that we are saved by grace through faith in Christ Jesus and not by our own efforts or works (Ephesians 2:8-9). Grace Alone. Faith Alone!"

The only thing unique here is the LIE that Pastor X just told JD. And sadly, many people that are seeking Christ (יהושוע Jehoshua Hamashiach) and eternal salvation have fallen for those lies and are in danger of having a permanent vacation in hell due to the UNIQUE LIES that Satan has been using to indoctrinate God's children through his workers of iniquity.

Luke 13:23-24 (KJV) Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

The only reason anybody falls for all this bunch of lies, is because they barely read their bibles, and those that do, will fail to study it, and verify everything they are told by their Pastors. So, when someone comes with something different than what they have heard from their Pastors, they quickly dismiss it.

2 Tim 2:15 (KJV) Study to shew thyself approved unto YHWH, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.,

2 Tim 3:16 (KJV) All scripture is given by inspiration of YHWH, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

You need to read your bible, study it, and put it all together!
You need to be able to fit everything together without any contradictions.

If you find contradictions, then either your Pastor does not know the truth, is lying to you, or if you do not have a pastor, then it is either a misunderstanding on your part or your BIBLE is lying to you!

Have you verified your bible? Where does it come from?
Who wrote it or put it together?

The NIV is the English translated version of the Catholic Bible done by Scholars under the leadership of Howard Long (a Catholic Scholar). Google has deleted and changed most information on this, making it harder to see the truth. But you can still google New International Version Howard Long Catholic scholar.

Or go to the following link. <https://www.thenivbible.com/50th-anniversary/made-to-read/howard-long/>

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So here is the correction to the Pastors UNIQUE answer!

I will explain it first and then back it up with a scripture!

1. We should already know by now that we are baptized for the remission of sins!

a. So, we receive remission of our sins by baptism!

2. We are baptized for the indwelling of the Holy Ghost!

- a. Laying of hands and prayer must happen after the baptism in order to receive the Holy Ghost!
- b. So, we receive the indwelling of the Holy Ghost after baptism, laying of hands and prayer!

We receive the Holy Ghost through:

Baptism:

Matthew 3:11 (KJV) I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

Mark 1:8 (KJV) I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.

Luke 3:16 (KJV) John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:

John 1:33 (KJV) And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

Acts 1:5 (KJV) For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

Acts 11:15-16 (KJV) And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning. 16 Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Another question some people may bring up is. “Why was Christ baptized if baptism is for the remission of sins. Christ had no sin to be forgiven. In other words, He had no need to receive remission of any sins!” Well, Christ’s baptism was to show us how

it must be done AND was done for the receiving of the Holy Ghost!

Acts 2:38 (KJV) Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Look at what happened after “Christ” ((יהושוע) Jehoshua Hamashiach) was baptized! **(He received the Holy Ghost!)**

Luke 3:22 (KJV) And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

Matthew 3:16 (KJV) And Christ, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

Mark 1:10 (KJV) And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:

John 1:32 (KJV) And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.

Christ received the Holy Ghost through water baptism!

This goes back to the thief on the cross question, answered on the baptism study!

Disciples ran to other cities to make sure; new believers received the Holy Ghost after baptism!

Acts 8:1-25 (KJV) And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.

2 And devout men carried Stephen to his burial and made great lamentation over him.

3 As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison.

4 Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word. 5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.

6 And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

7 For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.

8 And there was great joy in that city.

9 But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one:

10 To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of god.

11 And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries.

12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of YHWH, and the name of Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

13 Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.

14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of YHWH, they sent unto them Peter and John:

15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord (יהושוע) Jehoshua Hamashiach).

17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

18 And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,

19 Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.

20 But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of YHWH may be purchased with money.

21 Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of YHWH.

22 Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray YHWH, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

23 For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.

24 Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.

25 And they, when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.

12 Disciples received the Holy Ghost through baptism and laying of hands performed by Paul the Apostle.

Scripture even shows us that some disciples (Not just believers) were baptized twice. And we know that by Paul's time Christ had already ascended to heaven.

Acts 19:2-6 (KJV) He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord (יהושוע) Jehoshua Hamashiach). And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

Requirements to receive the Holy Ghost:

Repentance: Acts 2:38 (KJV) Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Remission of sins through baptism: Acts 2:38 (KJV) Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Prayer:

Acts 8:15 (KJV) Who, when they were come down, **prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:**

Laying of hands:

Acts 8:17-19 (KJV) **Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.**

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Believing, Repentance, Baptism, Laying of hands:

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JD also DID NOT receive the indwelling of the Holy Ghost, because he was not baptized!

Final Consideration

You have now seen what Scripture says, not what is commonly taught, not what is assumed, but what is written. At this point, the issue is no longer understanding, it is response. God does not measure what you agreed with while reading, He measures what you obey after seeing it. If something in this study exposed an area of your life, that was not accidental, that was light, and Scripture is clear that light brings responsibility. What you now know, you are accountable for.

This is where many fail. They read, they agree, they feel conviction, and then they delay. But Scripture does not treat delay as neutral. “To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.” So the question is not whether this study was correct, the question is simple, what will you do with what God has shown you? Will you obey immediately, or will you explain it away? Will you remove what He has exposed, or will you manage it? Will you submit, or will you delay? There is no third option.

God is not asking you to fix everything at once, but He is requiring that you stop defending what He has already revealed. Repent where you must repent, cut off what must be cut off, and obey what you already know. Do not wait for a better moment, do not wait for stronger feelings, do not wait for more clarity. Scripture has already spoken, “Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your heart.” This is that moment.

If the fear of the Lord is present, obedience will follow. If obedience does not follow, fear was never received. The line is clear, and the responsibility is now yours. Choose.

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You can do the same.

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Open your Bible.

Search the Scriptures.

Examine every claim carefully.

The Bereans were called noble because they searched the Scriptures daily to verify whether the things they heard were true.

Follow their example.

Test everything by the Word of God.

NEED HELP?

You were not meant to figure this out alone.

If you have questions, need clarification, or want to go through these studies with someone, reach out.

We will study the Scriptures with you, step by step, so that what you learn is clear, proven, and grounded in truth.

**If what you believe is true, it will stand.
If it is not, it must fall.**

Zion's Roar Holy Spirit Ministry

Proclaiming the Gospel of Christ and calling believers back to the foundation laid by God in Zion, the doctrine of Christ delivered through His apostles.





