



# THE PENTECOSTAL EXPERIENCE

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- ◆ Is a deeper experience with God than most church goers obtain.
- ◆ It is a genuine new birth experience.

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- ◆ The terms “new birth” and “born again” are some of the most common phrases in Christendom,
- ◆ Yet 90% of all church members do not know what it really means.

# The Pentecostal Experience



- ◆ There are a lot of believers who have had experiences with God,
- ◆ But have not had a new birth experience.



# John 3:1-10



- ◆ 1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:
- ◆ 2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

# John 3:1-10



- ◆ 3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.
- ◆ 4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

# John 3:1-10



- ◆ 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and *of* the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
- ◆ 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.



# John 3:1-10



- ◆ 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.
- ◆ 8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.



# John 3:1-10



- ◆ 9 Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?
- ◆ 10 Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?

# Jesus made some very strong statements here...



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- ♦ John 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

# Jesus made some very strong statements here...



- ◆ Jesus said, we cannot see nor enter the Kingdom of God unless we are born again.
- ◆ That's plain: We must be born again to be saved.

# Who needs to be saved ?



- ◆ Everyone, because we are all sinners.
- ◆ Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;
- ◆ Romans 3:10 "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one;



Since we're all sinners...  
What do we need to  
do to be saved ?



- ♦ John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

# So – Believing that Jesus is the Christ is a **MUST** for Salvation.

- ◆ Hebrews 11:6 “But without **faith** it is impossible to please him; for he that **cometh to God** must **believe** that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently **seek** him.”

**As a sinner  
coming to God,  
we must believe  
that He is and  
seek Him.**



# How do we seek Him ?



- ◆ Romans 10:10 “For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness,
- ◆ and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.





**We must all come  
to a realization that  
we are sinners and  
accept Jesus as the  
Savior and confess  
our sins to the Lord**



# This is called repentance



- ◆ Repentance means to ask forgiveness of our sins and forsake them.
- ◆ This was the 1<sup>st</sup> theme that Jesus preached.

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# Repentance is Important !

- ◆ Matthew 4:17 “From that time Jesus **began** to preach, and to say, *Repent*: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”
- ◆ Repentance is a very important part of salvation. It prepares our hearts to be born again.

Jesus spoke very strongly about repentance, just as he did about being born again.



- ◆ Luke 13:3 “I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.



Since Jesus spoke so strongly and said all of us must, we ask you...



- ◆ Have you ever repented of your sins?

# We have a promise in 1<sup>st</sup> John 1:9



- ◆ “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”
- ◆ Would you like to repent now?

# The Prayer Of Repentance



- ◆ Lord, I realize that my life has not been pleasing to you, and I realize that I have fallen short and have sinned. I am asking right now for you to forgive me. I pledge that I will forsake my sins and live for you from this day forward. Amen

# Faith and Repentance are The Foundation

- ◆ Hebrews 6:1 “Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on to perfection; not laying again the **foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,...**”



# SO, we see that



- ◆ Believing is a Must
- ◆ & Repentance is a Must.
- ◆ Jesus Also Tells Us That  
Being Born Again is a Must!

Let's look closer  
at what Jesus told  
Nicodemus  
about being  
born again



Jesus wants everyone to be a born again believer, not just a believer



- ◆ John 3:3 Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

# Nicodemus wanted to know how to be born again...



- ◆ John 3:4 Nicodemus saith unto him, how can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born ?

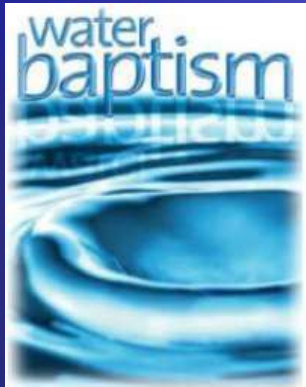


Nicodemus thought to be born again was another natural birth, but Jesus explained that it is a spiritual birth.



- ◆ John 3:5 “Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.”

# Notice, there are two things that the new birth consists of...



- ◆ A Birth of Water  
and



- ◆ A Birth of the  
Spirit

# To be born again means to be born the second time, of the water and the Spirit

- ◆ Some religious leaders say that being born of the water is referring to the natural birth, since we are born of water, or amniotic fluid.
- ◆ But the truth is, that Jesus is referring to baptism as a birth of the water. Notice the words “born again” and “second time.”







# Births



- ◆ 1. We are born the first time by a natural birth.
  - ◆ It was a birth of water or amniotic fluid
- ◆ 2. The second birth of the water is baptism



# Greek Words for Born & Baptism

- ◆ The Greek word for born is Gennao, meaning to be delivered of.
- ◆ The Greek word for **baptism** is bapto or baptiso, meaning to cover wholly with a fluid.
- ◆ So then the first birth is a natural birth and the second birth of water is a spiritual birth.
- ◆ It is plain to see that to be born again of the water means to be baptized.

# Jesus spoke very strongly about baptism.

- ◆ Mark 16:16 “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.
- ◆ If baptism is so important to Jesus, then it must be properly administered.
- ◆ Jesus himself set an example of immersion.

# Matthew 3:16



- ◆ “16 And Jesus, 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:

# Biblical Examples



- ◆ Every Biblical account of Water Baptism is by Immersion.
- ◆ The method of sprinkling is not found in the Bible.





# What does baptism do for us ?

- ◆ It removes, remits,  
or washes away  
our sins.

# Ananias told Paul:

- ◆ Acts 22:16 “ And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.”

# Peter told the crowd at Pentecost:

- ◆ “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be **baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the **remission of sins**, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.” Acts 2:38



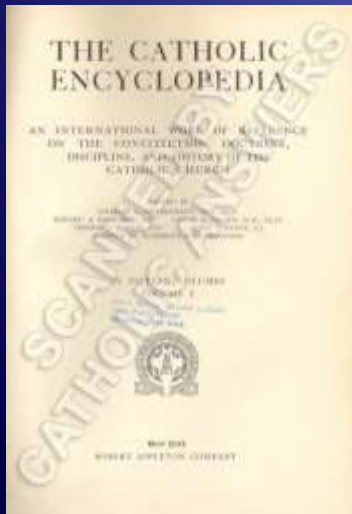
Some religious leaders of our day would have us think that baptism is just an outward sign that we have accepted Christ and that it does not remit sins.

◆ But what did these scriptures we just read say?



**Some tell us that the proper formula to pronounce over the baptismal candidate is to use the titles Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

- ◆ The Catholic encyclopedia states that the original formula that was used by the Apostles was in the name of the Lord Jesus and the Trinity formula was developed later, being introduced at the Council of Nicea in the year 325 A.D.



# Jesus commissioned his apostles in Matthew 28:19

- ◆ Matthew 28:19 “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:”
- ◆ Notice the term “name” is singular
- ◆ Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are titles, not names.

# Let's look at another account of the great commission.

- ◆ Luke 24:45-47 “45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,
- ◆ 46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:
- ◆ 47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”



**Every account of baptism  
in the New Testament  
was administered in the  
name of Jesus.**





# Acts 8:16

- ◆ “(For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were **baptized** in the name of the Lord Jesus.)”



# Acts 10:48

- ◆ “And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord.”



# Acts 19:5

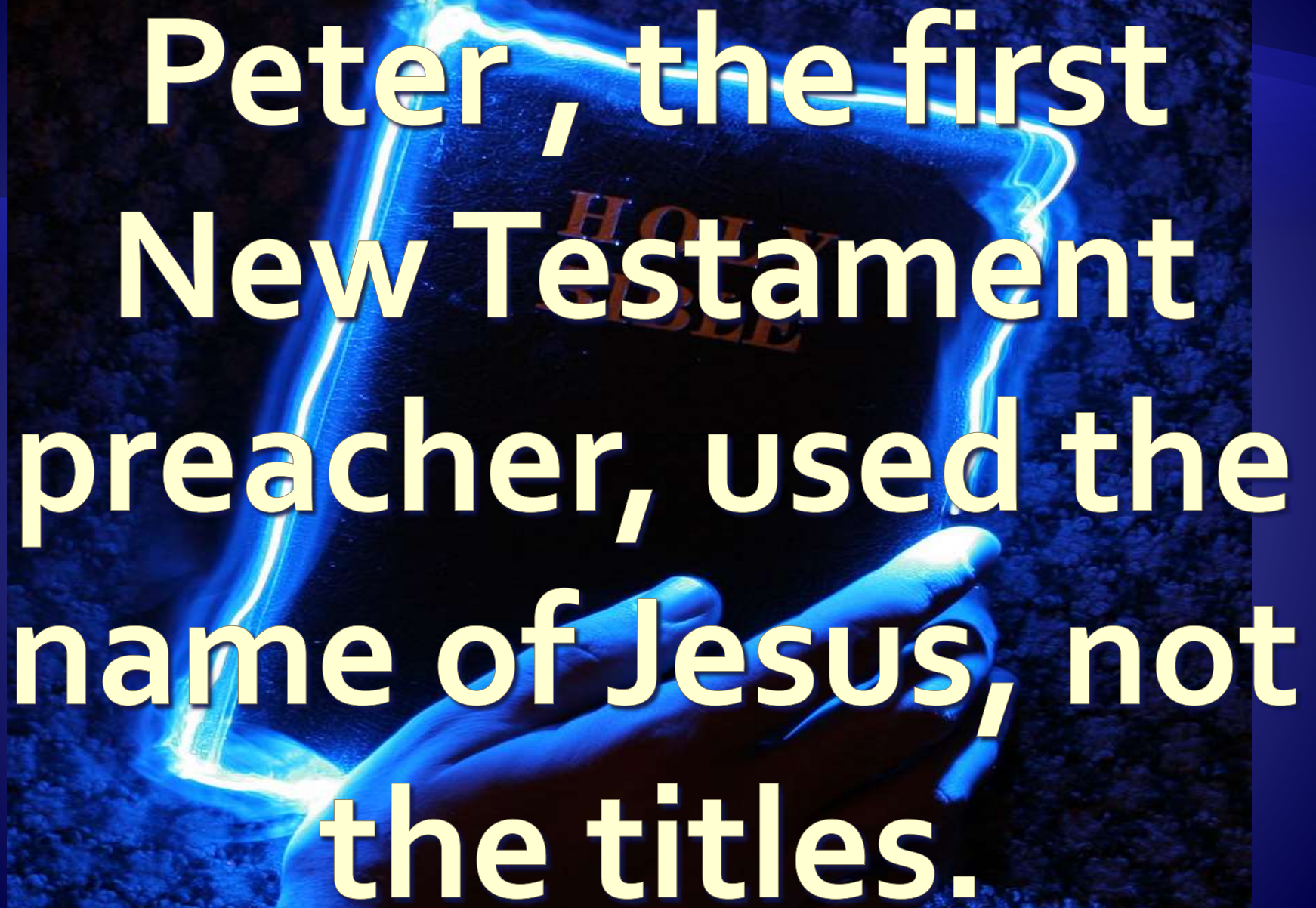
- ◆ “When they had heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.”



A close-up photograph of a hand holding a Bible. The Bible's cover is dark, and the words "HOLY BIBLE" are embossed in gold. A bright, ethereal blue light glows around the edges of the Bible, creating a halo effect. The background is a dark, textured blue.

Shouldn't we  
choose to obey the  
Bible instead of  
man-made  
historical creeds?





Peter, the first  
New Testament  
preacher, used the  
name of Jesus, not  
the titles.



# Acts 2:38

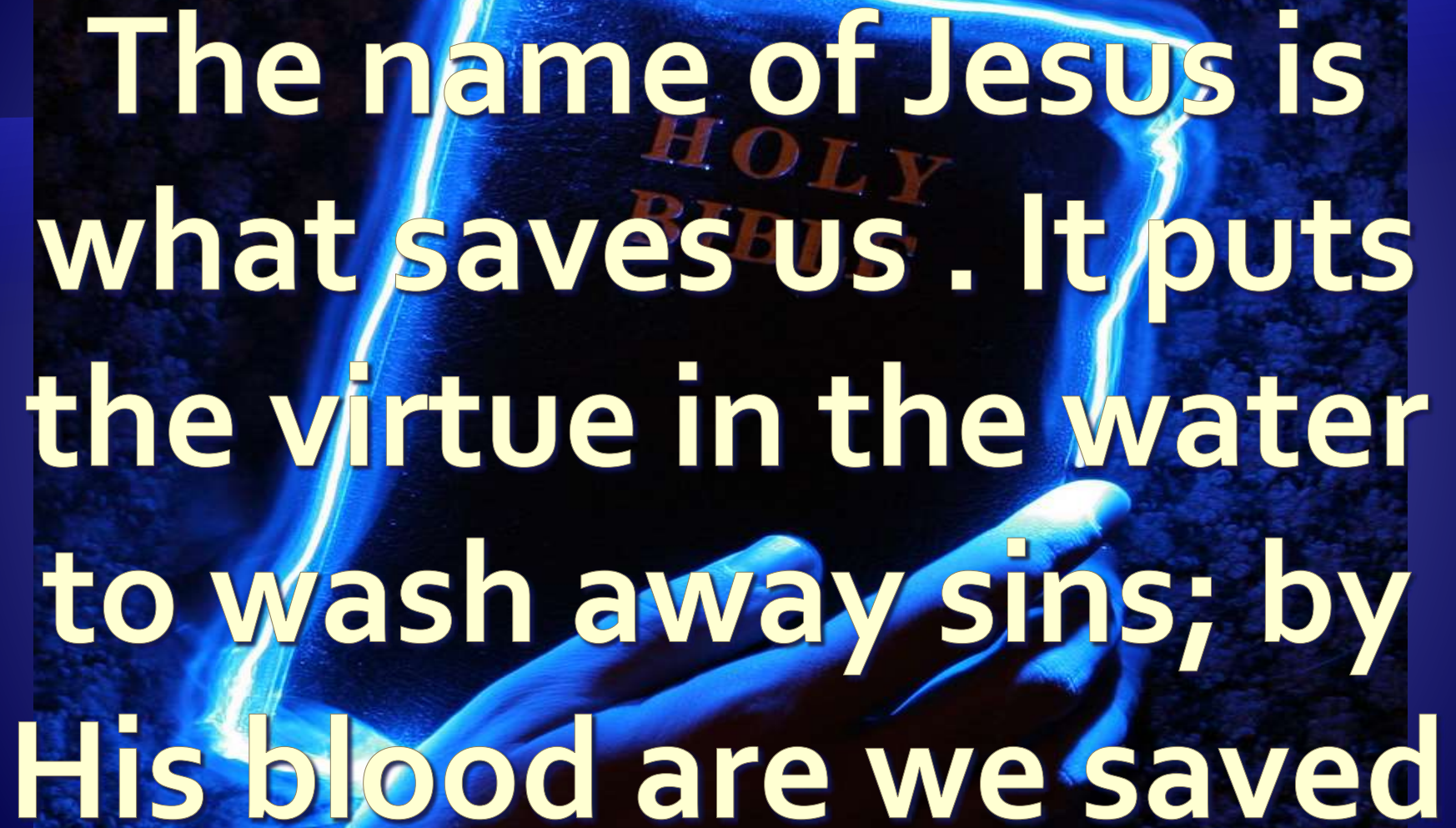
- ◆ “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be **baptized** every one of you in the **name of Jesus Christ** for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”



# Acts 4:12

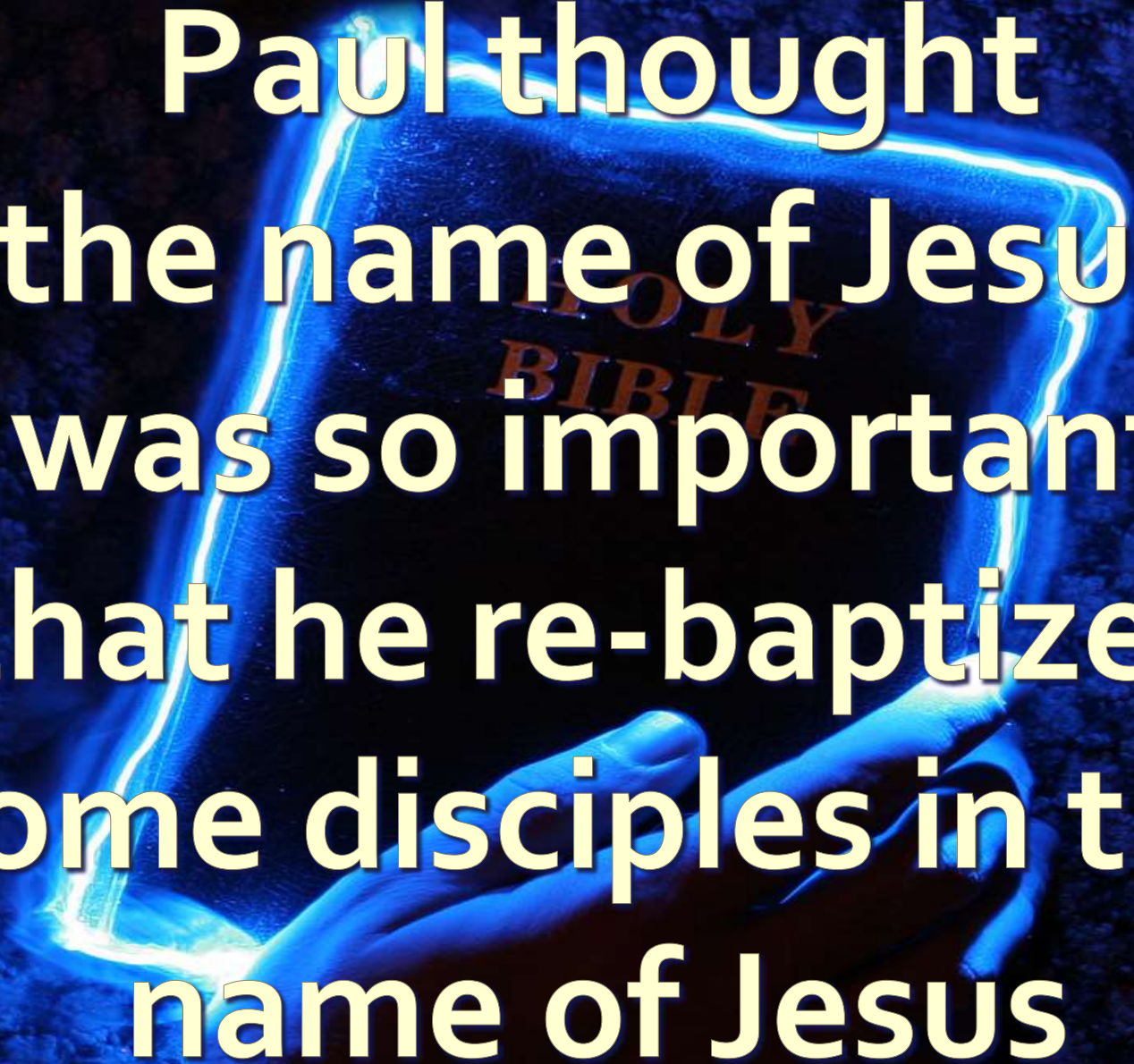
- ◆ “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other **name** under heaven given among men, whereby we must be **saved.**”



A hand is shown holding a glowing blue Holy Bible. The words "HOLY BIBLE" are visible on the cover of the book. The entire scene is bathed in a deep blue light, with the Bible itself emitting a bright, ethereal glow. The background is dark and textured.

The name of Jesus is  
what saves us . It puts  
the virtue in the water  
to wash away sins; by  
His blood are we saved



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**Paul thought  
the name of Jesus  
was so important  
that he re-baptized  
some disciples in the  
name of Jesus**

# Acts 19:1-5



- ◆ 1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,
- ◆ 2 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.



# Acts 19:1-5



- ◆ 3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.
- ◆ 4 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 Jesus.

# Acts 19:1-5



- ◆ 5 When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.



**If you have not been baptized by immersion in the name of Jesus, won't you consider being baptized or re-baptized?**



- ◆ Jesus spoke very strongly about being born again of the water to enter the kingdom of God



# Jesus spoke of another birth.



- ◆ John 3:5 “Except a man be born of water and of **the Spirit**, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.”



# John the Baptist said,

- ◆ Mark 1:8 “I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.

# Jesus died on the day of the Passover. He rose again the third day



- ◆ Acts 1:3 "To whom also he showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them **forty days**, and speaking of things pertaining to the kingdom of God:"



After Jesus ascended into Heaven they returned to Jerusalem and had a 7 to 10 day prayer meeting which led to the outpouring of the Spirit of God.

- ◆ Pentecost means the 50<sup>th</sup> Day.
- ◆ Therefore, Pentecostals are referred to as those who have received the same experience as they did that day.

# What happened on that Day?

## ◆ Acts 2:1-4



- ◆ 1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
- ◆ 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

# What happened on that Day?

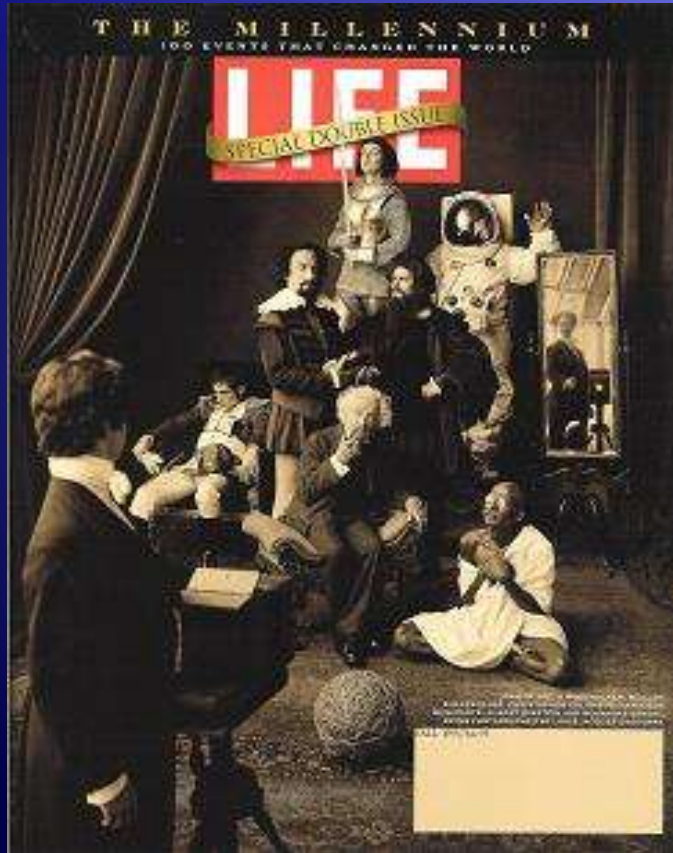
## ◆ Acts 2:1-4



- ◆ 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.
- ◆ 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.



# Some religious leaders of our day insist that this does not happen today.



- ◆ Life magazine, the Millennial Edition 1997, stated that there are over 500 Million Pentecostals in the world

# Acts 2:16-17



- ◆ “16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;
- ◆ 17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh:...”
- ◆ That’s why the Pentecostal movement is one of the fastest growing Christian movements on the face of the earth.

If you have never been  
born again of the Spirit,  
this experience is for  
you.





Some religious leaders would have you believe that you automatically receive the Holy Ghost the moment you believe.



But there is NO Scripture that states this !!!



# The Apostle Paul asked some believers in Acts 19:2 ...

- ◆ “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.”

# Jesus said in John 7:38-39



- ◆ 38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.
- ◆ 39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet *given*; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)



# These Verses PROVE...



- ◆ that a person does not automatically receive the Holy Ghost at believing.
- ◆ Receiving the Holy Ghost is a part of the full salvation experience that is built on the foundation of believing, repentance, and water baptism.

**Jesus said, you can't tell where the Spirit comes from nor where it goes, but you will be able to hear the sound of the Spirit.**

- ◆ There was a distinct sound that happened on the day of Pentecost, and it happens every time someone is born of the Spirit.



Jesus gave Nicodemus a secret about those who are born of the Spirit.



- ◆ John 3:8 “The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.”



# Acts 2:4



- ◆ “And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

# Tongues is the evidence that a person has received God's Spirit

- ◆ Isaiah 28:11 “For with stammering lips and **another tongue** will he speak to this people.”

# Why Did God Choose Tongues As the Evidence of the Holy Ghost?

- ◆ James 3:6-8



- ◆ 6 And the tongue *is* a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.



# Why Did God Choose Tongues As the Evidence of the Holy Ghost?

- ◆ James 3:6-8



- ◆ 7 For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind:
- ◆ 8 **But the tongue can no man tame;** *it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.*

# The Tongue



- ◆ The tongue is the most unruly member. Man cannot tame it himself, only God can
- ◆ The tongue is the last member of our bodies to yield to God.
- ◆ That's why God chose to use it as the evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost

# Some religious leaders of our day don't understand these things.

- ◆ Nicodemus was a religious leader in his day, but he didn't understand either. He asked, "How can these things be?"
- ◆ Jesus said to him, "Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?"
- ◆ Even though Nicodemus was knowledgeable in the scriptures, he didn't know about being born again of the water and the Spirit.



# Everyone needs to know how to be born again.

- ◆ Jesus wants everyone to be born again of the Spirit.
- ◆ It is a **must** to enter into the kingdom of God.

# What Does the Holy Ghost Do For Us?



- ◆ John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth:

# What Does the Holy Ghost Do For Us?



- ◆ Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.



# What Does the Holy Ghost Do For Us?



- ◆ Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

# What Does the Holy Ghost Do For Us?



- ◆ Romans 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead **dwell in you**, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also **quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.**



The Holy Ghost will lead us into all truth, it gives righteousness, peace, joy, and power to overcome sin; and if the Spirit dwells in us, it will quicken our mortal bodies in the rapture.



If you have repented  
of your sins, why  
don't you seek Him  
diligently for the  
Holy Ghost?

# Question # 1

- ◆ According to Romans 3:23, how many of us are sinners?

◆ \_\_\_\_\_

# Question # 1

- ◆ According to Romans 3:23, how many of us are sinners?
- ◆ ALL OF US



# Question # 2

- ◆ What is the first step in coming to God according to Hebrews 11:6



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- ◆ What is the first step in coming to God according to Hebrews 11:6?
- ◆ Believe that He is and that He will reward those who diligently seek Him.

# Question # 3

◆ Confessing our sins to the Lord is called ...



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# Question # 3

◆ Confessing our sins to the Lord is called \_\_\_\_\_

◆ Repentance

# Question # 4

- ◆ According to Hebrews 6:1, faith and \_\_\_\_\_ are the foundation that our relationship with God is built upon.

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# Question # 5

- ◆ Jesus said, "Except ye \_\_\_\_\_, ye shall all likewise perish."

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- ◆ Jesus said, “Except ye Repent , ye shall all likewise perish.”

# Question # 6

- ◆ The new birth is a birth of the \_\_\_\_\_ and of the \_\_\_\_\_.



# Question # 6

- ◆ The new birth is a birth of the water and of the spirit.

# Question # 7

- ◆ Jesus said, “He that believeth and is \_\_\_\_\_ shall be saved.”

# Question # 7

- ◆ Jesus said, “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.”



# Question # 8

- ◆ What is the name that should be pronounced over a baptismal candidate? \_\_\_\_\_

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- ◆ What is the name that should be pronounced over a baptismal candidate? Jesus

# Question # 9

- ◆ Ananias told Paul to be baptized and wash away his \_\_\_\_\_.



# Question # 9

- ◆ Ananias told Paul to be baptized and wash away his sins.

# Question # 10

- ◆ Being filled with God's Spirit is called the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Ghost.

# Question # 10

- ◆ Being filled with God's Spirit is called the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.



# Question # 11

- ◆ The day of Pentecost was \_\_\_\_ day after Passover.

# Question # 11

- ◆ The day of Pentecost was the 50<sup>th</sup> day after Passover.

# Question # 12

- ◆ Can people still receive the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues? \_\_\_\_\_



# Question # 12

- ◆ Can people still receive the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues? Yes

# Question # 13

- ◆ Does a person automatically receive the Holy Ghost at the moment they believe?

◆ \_\_\_\_\_

# Question # 13

◆ Does a person automatically receive the Holy Ghost at the moment they believe?

◆ No



# Question # 14

- ◆ Paul asked some believers, “Have ye received the \_\_\_\_\_ since ye believed?”

# Question # 14

- ◆ Paul asked some believers, “Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?”

# Question # 15

◆ Is the new birth essential for salvation?

◆ \_\_\_\_\_



# Question # 15

◆ Is the new birth essential for salvation?

◆ YES

# Question # 16

- ◆ According to Romans 8:11, what will quicken our mortal bodies in the rapture? \_\_\_\_\_

# Question # 16

- ◆ According to Romans 8:11, what will quicken our mortal bodies in the rapture? His Spirit in us



# Question # 17

- ◆ Jesus told Nicodemus a secret: The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the \_\_\_\_\_ thereof.

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# Question # 18

- ◆ Isaiah said, “For with stammering lips and \_\_\_\_\_ will he speak to this people.”



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- ◆ Isaiah said, “For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.”

# Question # 19

- ◆ The tongue is an unruly evil, set on fire of hell and no man can \_\_\_\_\_ it.

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# Question # 20

- ◆ After a person receives the Holy Ghost they receive power to be a

\_\_\_\_\_.



# Question # 20

- ◆ After a person receives the Holy Ghost they receive power to be a witness.