

# THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST

## The Benefits of Receiving the Holy Spirit

### Review - Plan of Salvation

- Acts 2:38
- Death, burial, resurrection = repentance, baptism, receiving gift of the Holy Ghost (Spirit)

### Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?

Acts 19:1-6

### When You Receive the Holy Spirit, You are BORN AGAIN (new life, resurrection)

John 3:1-8

### The Holy Spirit is POWERFUL

- Power to live above sin (we CANNOT do this our own) – Romans 8:1-2
- Power to witness (tell others) – Acts 1:8 (signs confirming)
- Power to hope – Romans 15:13

**Must stay plugged into the source to maintain power. (Like any electrical device: no connection; no power. Even cordless devices have to be plugged in regularly to recharge and maintain power.)**

### The Holy Spirit COMFORTS

John 14:16-18

### The Holy Spirit TEACHES and GUIDES

- If you allow yourself to be led by His Spirit, you are a child of God – Romans 8:14
- The Holy Ghost will help you remember Jesus' Words – John 14:26
- The Spirit of Truth will guide you – John 16:13
- The Holy Spirit will teach you what you ought to say - Luke 12:11-12
- The Spirit of God reveals things - 1 Corinthians 2:9-12
- Examples – Philip led by the Spirit to the Ethiopian (Acts 8:29-39); Peter led by the Spirit to Cornelius (Acts 10:19-20; 11:12)

### You need the Holy Spirit to GROW the Fruit of the Spirit

- Galatians 5:22-23

### The Gift of the Holy Spirit brings more GIFTS

- 1 Corinthians 12:8-11

The Holy Spirit will bring you ETERNAL LIFE & TAKE YOU TO HEAVEN

- Romans 8:9-13
  - Without the Spirit of Christ, you are not His
  - The Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead will raise you
  - If you, through the Spirit, mortify (put to death) the deeds of the body, you will live
- 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18
  - "...the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up..."

Receiving the Holy Spirit is the beginning of a **new life** of **power** with God, where He will **lead and guide** you, and you will **grow** and **develop gifts** and, most of all, have **eternal life**. But for this to happen, you must stay filled up with the Spirit! And remember that maturing (reaping) in the Spirit takes time: Galatians 6:7-9.

Let's pray that we will all be filled with the Spirit and continue to walk in the Spirit! (Pray together now.)