

Beyond Azusa

Acts 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh...

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

THE PROCESS OF BEING LED INTO THE TRUTH

Jonathan Edwards - America's First Great Awakening

On July 8th, 1741, Rev. Jonathan Edwards preached a message entitled, "*Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God*". This message shook the house where he was preaching and became the epicenter of a spiritual earthquake that helped bring the great awakening to America. It was a call to repentance!

William Seymour - Azusa Street Revival

After the Holy Ghost first fell in a Bible school in Topeka Kansas, Charles Parham began to start more Bible schools across the country. In 1906, one of the students, William Seymour, was invited to come preach in Los Angeles, California. He began to preach about this amazing, God-given experience of being filled with the Holy Ghost, with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. People began to come from all over the city, state, country and even from around the world to experience the Holy Ghost firsthand.

R. E. McAllister - More light . . . more truth . . . more revelation!

In 1914, at a camp meeting, Rev. McAllister, who was filled with the fresh experience of the Holy Ghost, began searching the Word with new fervor. As he studied about New Testament water baptism, the Spirit led him to the Truth. He ministered about baptism and with just one simple statement, he sent shock waves across the new Holy Ghost filled movement! He simply expressed the necessity of being baptized, and when people were baptized in the Bible it was always administered "***IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST***".

3 IMPORTANT REVELATIONS

1.Repentance 2.Baptism 3.Holy Ghost

While none of the 3 men previously mentioned exclusively held the key to these truths of the Word of God, they were all instrumental in opening the door.

IN A NUTSHELL

What God gave these men over a period of time, He gave on the day of Pentecost all at once!

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**.

Let's study each of these individually to see their importance!

- **Repentance: Is it important!**

Acts 17:30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent:

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

What is repentance?

Repentance literally means "to change directions". It's a change both inwardly and outwardly.

Matthew 21:29 He answered and said, "I will not" but afterward he repented, and went.

We must all repent and surrender our lives to God!

- **Baptism: Is it important?**

Mark 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

1Peter 3:21 The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us...

How were you baptized?

In the Bible whenever people were baptized, it was always ***in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ!***

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 19:5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

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.

Not only is it important **THAT** you are baptized, but it is also important **HOW** you are baptized. We must be baptized in the name of Jesus!

- **Holy Ghost: Is it important?**

Romans 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

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.

How do you know when you have received the Holy Ghost?

In the New Testament church, when people received the Holy Ghost, or the Spirit of God, they spoke with tongues.

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.

Acts 19:6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

BEYOND YOUR LAST EXPERIENCE

One of the biggest dangers we face is getting stuck in our last experience, whether it be good or bad. The disciples got stuck as they watched Jesus ascending into heaven. That doesn't seem like a bad place to get stuck, however the angels corrected the disciples.

Acts 1:11 The angels asked, "...why stand ye gazing up into heaven?"

The angels were telling the disciples not to get stuck in their last experience, even though it was powerful. Jesus told them to, "go to Jerusalem and wait for the promise". Go beyond your last experience, beyond Azusa, right into everything God has for you!