IS BELIEVING IN CHRIST ENOUGH?

Text: Acts 19:2

To be saved is one thing but to be kept (not to sin over and again) is another story. Click <u>HERE</u> to view the Podcast

To be Saved

- Romans 10:9 ⁸ But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; ⁹ That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. To be saved this action is to be completed...but to be kept (not sin over and again) is found below.
- Matthew 3:11 ¹¹ 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:** Here, John was talking to his adversaries the Pharisees ("O generation of vipers"). However, many would have you speculate if the Holy Ghost was for the Apostles only (read Joel 2:28). In fact, on the day of Pentecost the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty (including women) who received the Holy Ghost (read Acts 1:14-15).
- Acts1:5 For **John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost** not many days hence. ⁶ When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? ⁷ And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. 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...Jesus re-focused the disciples attention from present day restoration to the future they would soon receive the Promise.
- John 14:14

 14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. 15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

 16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. Jesus commanded them to receive the Holy Ghost to dwell and be in them forever.

Holy Ghost Job description

- John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the **Holy Ghost**, whom the Father will send in my name, he **shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance**, whatsoever I have said unto you. **John 16:1-11.**
- John 20:22 ²⁰ And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the LORD. ²¹ Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost. Even after His resurrection Jesus emphatically ("breathed on them") instructed them to receive the Holy Ghost.

"Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble". James 2:19

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