



THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF GRACE

A Guide to Apostolic Faith and Experience

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Acts 2:38

Introduction

In the journey of faith, understanding the transformative power of grace is essential for every believer. This booklet explores key biblical passages that outline the principles of living a godly life, the experience of salvation, including Acts 2:38, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues in the life of a Christian. We will delve into the teachings of the Apostle Paul, the significance of water baptism in Jesus' name, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues, all while emphasizing the importance of authenticity in worship and living a life that honors God.

Chapter 1: The Call to Godliness

Titus 2:10-14 (KJV)

"Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;"

Context and Interpretation

In this verse, the Apostle Paul instructs Titus

on the importance of teaching sound doctrine to the believers in Crete. The verse emphasizes the following key points:

- 1. Denying Ungodliness and Worldly Lusts: Believers are called to reject behaviors and desires that are contrary to God's will. This includes not only sinful actions but also the temptations and distractions of the world that can lead one away from a godly life.
- 2. Living Soberly, Righteously, and Godly: Paul encourages a lifestyle that reflects the character of Christ.
- Soberly: This implies a sense of self-control and clear-mindedness, avoiding excess and foolishness.
- Righteously: This refers to living in accordance with God's standards and commands, doing what is right in His eyes.
- Godly: This suggests a life that is devoted to God, characterized by reverence and piety.
- 3. In This Present World: Paul acknowledges that believers live in a world filled with challenges and temptations. Despite the surrounding culture, Christians are called to maintain their standards and reflect Christ in their daily lives.

Application

Titus 2:12 serves as a reminder for believers to actively pursue holiness and righteousness in their lives. It encourages a rejection of worldly influences and a commitment to living out one's faith authentically, demonstrating the transformative power of the Gospel in a world that often promotes contrary values. This verse aligns well with the themes discussed earlier about the importance of authenticity in worship and living a life that honors God. It underscores the necessity of holiness and the pursuit of a genuine relationship with God, which is foundational for true Apostolic Pentecostal worship.

Chapter 2: The Experience of Salvation

Key Scriptures

- Acts 10:43-48
- 1 Corinthians 12:13
- Ephesians 2:8-9
- Ephesians 3:10-23
- Romans 6:1-23

The experience of salvation is foundational to the Christian faith. It encompasses both water baptism in Jesus' name and the baptism in the Holy Ghost. The gift of God, as described in John 4:10-14 and John 7:37-39, is fulfilled on the day of Pentecost.

The Spirit of Grace

The Spirit that brings grace is described in Acts 2:1-4 and Zechariah 12:10. The spirit of grace is the baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire, with the evidence of speaking in tongues. This is the spirit of sonship and the birthright promise of the Holy Ghost. The sign of speaking in tongues was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost when you received the gift of the Holy Ghost. When you received the Lord Jesus Christ, you received the Holy Ghost—Christ in you, the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27-29). The power is not of us, but of His Spirit that works in us (Ephesians 1:3-14). Sealed with the Holy Ghost of promise, the sign of speaking in tongues is the evidence of the indwelling Spirit of Christ (Romans 8:9-14, 26-27; Galatians 3:13-24, 27; Galatians 4:4-7, 27-29; Galatians 2:20). This is the inward circumcision of the spirit with the outward sign of speaking in tongues (Acts 2:4-38-39).

The Importance of Baptism in Jesus' Name

It is crucial to understand that baptism must be performed in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. The titles "Father," "Son," and "Holy Ghost" do not hold the authority or power necessary for salvation. Acts 4:12 states that there is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved. If you were baptized

using titles, it is essential to be re-baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, as the blood of Jesus is in His name, and salvation is found in His name alone (Matthew 1:21-23; Acts 2:38; Luke 24:47-49).

The name of the Lord is Jesus (Acts 2:21), and every knee shall bow to that name (Romans 14:11; Ephesians 1:21). The blood is applied in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ through water baptism. This baptism is not merely a symbol but a regeneration through repentance and confession of the Lord Jesus Christ. You are washed in the blood when you are water baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sins (Acts 2:21; Acts 2:38; Acts 4:12; Romans 10:8-9; Acts 16:31-32).

Acts 2:21-38-39-41

It is important to note that the Scriptures do not instruct us to confess titles (Father, Son, Holy Ghost), as these are titles but the Name of the Father is Jesus, the name of the Son is Jesus, and the name of the Holy Ghost is Jesus. Confess the name of The Lord Jesus Christ and invoke His Name in Baptism. Why the name? It is the only name under heaven whereby you can be saved. The blood is in the name, and the name is in the blood. Through the Act of Faith and obedience when the name is invoked in Jesus' name, there is remission of sins when you

believe and obey Acts 2:38. Through faith in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, when you are water baptized in Jesus' name for the remission of sins, that water turns to blood when you are crucified in the water grave (Galatians 2:20-22; Romans 6:1-6; Ephesians 2:1-8-9-12-13; Acts 19:1-6; John 5:43). The name of the Father is Jesus, the name of the Son is Jesus, and the name of the Holy Ghost is Jesus (John 14:26; Acts 20:28). Sin is not washed away until you are baptized in Jesus' name (1 Corinthians 6:10-11; Colossians 3:17). We do everything in Jesus' name (Matthew 18:18-20), and we gather in Jesus' name, as He is the one undivided Spirit.

Chapter 3: The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit

Key Scriptures

- Ephesians 1:19-21
- Acts 1:4-8

The power of the Holy Ghost is essential for both salvation and service in the Kingdom of God. The true Bible salvation experience is rooted in Acts 2:38, which emphasizes the essentiality of repentance, baptism in Jesus' name, and receiving the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

The Sign of Speaking in Tongues

The sign of speaking in tongues is crucial evidence of receiving the Holy Ghost. It is mentioned in various scriptures, including Acts 10:48, Acts 11:14-17, and Acts 19:1-6. Each of these passages reinforces the necessity of both water baptism in Jesus' name and the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues as the full and complete salvation experience (Acts 2:38; Acts 10:6-48; Acts 11:14-17; Mark 16:16-17).

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The Promise of the Holy Ghost with the Evidence of Speaking in Tongues

The promise of the Holy Ghost is for all who repent and believe upon the Lord Jesus Christ, as prophesied in Joel 2:20-21 and fulfilled in Acts 2:15-16. This promise is a vital part of the believer's salvation experience, evidenced by speaking in tongues and water baptism in Jesus' name.

Conclusion

The journey of faith is marked by the transformative power of grace, which calls believers to live godly lives in a world filled with distractions. Through the teachings of the Apostle Paul and the experiences outlined in Scripture, we see the importance of authenticity in worship, the necessity of the Holy Ghost and fire with the evidence of speaking in tongues, and the fulfillment of God's promises. As we embrace these truths, we are empowered to live out our faith boldly and authentically, reflecting the character of Christ in every aspect of our lives.

You put on the new man when you're baptized in water in Jesus' name for the remission of sins. This experience is baptismal regeneration; when you're baptized in Jesus' name in water, you are born of the Spirit vicariously. The water turns to blood, and you are washed in the blood through your act of faith, believing in the Lord Jesus Christ and confessing the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. An Apostolic Pentecostal Fivefold minister baptizes you in Jesus' name for the remission of sins, and your baptism in

the Holy Ghost and fire with the evidence of speaking in tongues is when you have been born again—that is true Bible salvation.

All power, authority, and salvation are in Jesus' name. The blood is in the name of Jesus; the power to wash sins away is through His Spirit and blood and water (1 John 5:6; Titus 3:5; Mark 16:15-16-17). You must be re-baptized in Jesus' name only—not sprinkled, not in titles (Father, Son, Holy Ghost), which hold no power or authority for salvation or blood applied. The blood can only be applied through your obedience to Acts 2:38 (Ephesians 1:7-13-14-19; Ephesians 2:1-10; Ephesians 3:10-16). You have no book of Ephesians without reading Acts 18:26 and Acts 19:1-6. You must be born again of water and spirit (John 3:3-8; Acts 2:38). The blood, the water, and the Spirit are essential for full Bible salvation (1 John 5:6).

As Matthew 18:18-20 states, sins are not remitted until one repents and is baptized in Jesus' name through the act of faith and obedience to Acts 2:38. The name invoked over you in baptism vicariously turns the water to blood when you're crucified with the Lord Jesus Christ in the water. This baptism allows you to put on the Lord Jesus Christ, as the Scripture says, "Put you on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the flesh." You put on the new man according to Colossians 3 when you are baptized

in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ (Colossians 3:17).

Colossians 2:11-12 speaks about water baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. When you repent, you're covered in the blood, and when you are baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, you are crucified with Christ and washed in the blood of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. It's not a symbol; it is baptismal regeneration in Jesus' name. John 20:23 states that whosoever sins are remitted are remitted; whosoever sins are retained are retained.

There's only one name under heaven whereby we must be saved, and that is in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Thus, when you invoke the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the blood is applied through faith and obedience, a public profession of faith and confession in the Lord Jesus Christ. To take His name in water baptism in Jesus' name is to put on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and you never take it off. You have not put on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ until you have repented and are baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Only then have you put on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

You must have faith and obedience; faith without works is dead, and works without faith is dead.

Repentance is death, burial is baptism in Jesus' name, and resurrection is the baptism of the Holy Ghost evidenced by speaking in tongues as the Spirit of God gives the utterance. You're not saved unless you are water baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and filled with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. That is when you are born again of the water and of the Spirit.

The blood witness is speaking in tongues; the blood witness is when you are baptized in water in Jesus' name. Every Trinitarian needs to be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. They were not baptized correctly and misinterpreted the scripture of Matthew 28:19, which says "in the name" not "names." The titles "Father," "Son," and "Holy Ghost" are not names. According to proper English translation, the verse is asking for the name of the Father, the name of the Son, and the name of the Holy Ghost, which is the Lord Jesus Christ.

So, when you have truly believed and confessed the Lord Jesus Christ, you will be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and that is when your sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. The blood is applied as you are crucified with Jesus Christ in the waters of baptism. You receive baptismal regeneration in Jesus' name; you're born of the

water when you're baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire, evidenced by speaking in tongues. Speaking in tongues is the blood witness that you have been born of the Spirit (1 John 5:6; Galatians 2:20; Galatians 3:13-14, 27; Galatians 4:4-7).

The Bible is clear in the book of Romans, chapter 8, verses 9 through 27, that you're not born again of the Spirit until you receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost, the gift of God, with the evidence of speaking in tongues. According to Romans 6:1-23, they were all baptized in Jesus' name and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, speaking in other tongues, just like on the day of Pentecost. Romans 13:14 states that this is when you truly put on the new man made after His image, like the invisible God made visible. Almighty God in Christ, when you take His name in baptism, the blood is applied in, through, and by the name of Jesus Christ. There is no other name whereby you can be saved, but the name of the Lord Jesus Christ (John 1:12-13).

My booklet serves as a guide for believers seeking to deepen their understanding of the Apostolic faith and experience. May it inspire and encourage you on your journey of faith.