

Element 7Nd: Pattern of 5 First Steps into the Kingdom of Christ / Step 3 (Continued)

104th Lesson in the 8 Essential Elements of the Biblical Christian Gospel Series

Baptized in the Holy Spirit Series (2017 Version) – Section B: Finding & Following the Biblical Pattern

Chapter 12: “The Promise” Fulfilled: Five Biblical Patterns from Five Biblical Examples

Chapter 12D: Example 4: “The Promise” Comes to Cornelius & the Gentiles

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- I. **Eight Essential Elements: Outline & Overview** (*See Titles & Dates Posted in Most Outlines of This Series*)
- II. **Recently Element 7: Pattern of 5 First Steps into Kingdom: Focus on Steps 3, 4 & 5 (3 Parallel Series’)**
Element 7 – Step 3: Running Conterminously w/ Baptized in the Holy Spirit Series (2017 Version)
 - A. **Eight Essential Elements of the Biblical Christian Gospel: (Preview) Element R7A & R7B.**
 1. Preview of the Necessity of Rediscovering & Restoring Biblical Patterns
 2. The Five First Steps into the Kingdom of God / Christ (Biblically Complete Conversions)
 - i. Receiving Jesus Christ Our Lord & Savior: (a) New Birth & (b) Conversion: Repentance & Faith (GCF Podcast: Eight Essential Elements of the Biblical Christian: Element 6A to 6W (24 Weeks)
 - ii. Water Baptism: “Messages on Baptism” / John Weis – “The Everlasting Covenant & Baptism”
 - iii. **Baptized in the Holy Spirit: Currently Recording “Baptized in the Holy Spirit Series” (2017)**
 - iv. Deliverance & Healing(s): Upcoming “Demons & Deliverance Series” / More on Element 7
 - v. Entering & Maintaining a NT Biblical Lifestyle: (a) Vertical Disciplines & (b) Horizontal Community
 - B. **Recently: 8 EE Series - 7M (Step 3 Cont.) / BHS Section B: Finding & Following the Biblical Pattern 8 Essential Elements 7Ma, b & c: / Baptized in Holy Spirit Series Chapter 11A, B & C Pattern & Progression of the Role (Activity) of Holy Spirit in the Life & Ministry of Jesus (Acts 10:38)**
 - C. **Last 3 Weeks: 8 EE Series – 7Na, b & c (Step 3 Cont.) / BHS Section B: Finding & Following the Pattern BHS Series Chapter 12A, B & C: “The Promise” Fulfilled: 5 Biblical Patterns from 5 Biblical Examples (BHS 12A) Example 1: Pentecost: “The Promise” Arrives in Power (Acts 2:1-21; 36-47) (BHS 12B) Example 2: Phillip in Samaria: “The Promise” Fulfilled in Samaria (Acts 8:1-24) (BHS 12C) Example 3: Saul on the Road to Damascus “The Promise” Commissions Paul (Acts 9:1-31)**
- III. **Today: 8 Essential Elements of the Gospel Series: Element 7Nd: (Step 3 Continued) aka BHS Series Chapter 12: “The Promise” Fulfilled: Five Biblical Patterns from Five Biblical Examples BHS Series Chapter 12D: Example 4: Peter & Cornelius: “The Promise” Comes to the Gentiles**
 - A. **Ascension Thursday: Jesus Commands Disciples to Wait in Jerusalem for “Promise of the Father.”**
(Luke 24:49a) ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you;
(Acts 1:4-5, 8) ⁴ Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the promise of the Father, “Which,” He said, “you heard of from Me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” ... ⁸ but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”
 - B. **Baptized in the Holy Spirit: Finding & Following 5 Biblical Patterns from 5 N.T. Examples**
 1. A Distinct and Separate Experience from the New Birth (Or ... Turn these into Questions)
 2. The Outward Initial Evidence of an Inner Reality – Is it Speaking in Tongues?
 3. Normally Followed Shortly After Conversion: From a Few Moments to a Few Days (Was that the case?)
 4. Spiritual Impartation / Atmosphere (Is there a Pattern Here?)Each incident was accompanied either by anointed persons laying hands on the recipients or in an atmosphere of prayer and / or proclamation where expectancy was rising due to God’s Preordained Activity.
 5. Additional Biblical Manifestations Always Followed: Power Experiences, Gifts, Results & Fruits

Important: Although Speaking in Tongues was the Initial Outward Evidence Accepted by the Apostles, Other Clearly Biblical Manifestations & Fruits of the Holy Spirit Always Followed. These Included:

- a. Testing / Brokenness / Repeated Fillings – See Example of Our Lord (Matt. 3-4 & Luke 3-4)
- b. Boldness for Witnessing / Proclamation / Attesting Miracles
- c. Increased Zeal & Passion for God. Anointing. (Romans 5:5)
- d. Fruit, Gifts, Manifest Presence, Personal and Corporate Holiness; Sacrifices, Etc.

C. Example 4: Peter at Cornelius's: "The Promise" Comes to the Gentiles (Read Acts 10:1 – 11:18)

(Acts 10:1-3a; 22; 44-11:3; 13-18) Now there was a man at Caesarea named Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian cohort, ² a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, and gave many alms to the Jewish people and prayed to God continually. ³ About the ninth hour of the day he clearly saw in a vision an angel of God ²² They said, "Cornelius, a centurion, a righteous and God-fearing man well-spoken of by the entire nation of the Jews, was divinely directed by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and hear a message from you." ⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the message. ⁴⁵ All the circumcised believers who came with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. ⁴⁶ For they were hearing them speaking with tongues and exalting God. Then Peter answered, ⁴⁷ "Surely no one can refuse the water for these to be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we did, can he?" ⁴⁸ And he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to stay on for a few days. ^{11:1} Now the apostles and the brethren who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ² And when Peter came up to Jerusalem, those who were circumcised took issue with him, ³ saying, "You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." ¹³ And he reported to us how he had seen the angel standing in his house, and saying, 'Send to Joppa and have Simon, who is also called Peter, brought here;¹⁴ and he will speak words to you by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' ¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as He did upon us at the beginning.¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He used to say, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'¹⁷ Therefore if God gave to them the same gift as He gave to us also after believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" ¹⁸ When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, "Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance that leads to life." (Please note underlining & double underlining.)

(Acts 15:6-12) ⁷ ... Peter stood up and said to them, "Brethren, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles would hear the word of the gospel and believe. ⁸ And God, who knows the heart, testified to them giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He also did to us; ⁹ and He made no distinction between us and them, cleansing their hearts by faith. ¹⁰ ... ¹¹ But we believe that we are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, in the same way as they also are."

Explanations: Cohort = 480; God-Fearers; Peter's & Jewish "Prejudice vs. Seed of Eve, etc.;" 36 Miles to Joppa; ^{10:34} "I understand now ... every nation;" ^{10:38} You know ...; ^{11:2} "those who were circumcised took issue with him;"

1. (Point 1) vss. 10:44; 11:17 "after believing"
2. (Point 2) vss. 10:45-46; 11:14-15 "for" & "... words ... saved..." "just as He did upon us at the beginning"
3. (Point 3) Combine the above two points.
4. (Point 4) Angel appears to Cornelius, Peter's Vision, Peter's Proclamation, Holy Spirit Falls
5. (Point 5) Acts 11:19-26; 15:1-12

IV. Upcoming: 8 Essential Elements of the Gospel Series: Element 7Nb & 7Nc: Step 3 (Cont.) aka BHS Series Chapter 12: "The Promise" Fulfilled: Five Biblical Patterns from Five Biblical Examples BHS Series Chapter 12D: "The Promise" Falls Upon Cornelius & the Gentiles (Gentiles Become Heirs)



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