

Element 70c: Pattern of 5 First Steps into the Kingdom of Christ / Step 3 (Continued)

109th Lesson in the 8 Essential Elements of the Biblical Christian Gospel Series

Baptized in the Holy Spirit Series (2017 Version) – Section C: Imparting or Receiving Holy Spirit Baptism

Chapter 13D: Pentecost: Pinnacle, Plenitude & Pledge of God's Purpose & Promise (Continued)

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- I. **Eight Essential Elements: List of the Eight Elements & Overview** (Commenced 5/17/2005)
 0. Intro: Proclamation / Pre-Evangelism / Disciples / Pole Fishing / Diagnostic Tools / 7 Missing Elements
 1. God: Essential Biblical Attributes: (Non-Communicable & Communicable)
 2. Man: Essential Biblical Attributes: (3 Issues / Culpability / Empowerment)
 3. The 10 Commandments: (Exodus 20:1-17) & (Deuteronomy 5:1-21)
 4. Historical Narrative of Israel & Warning(s) of Eternal Cosmic Judgment: Gospel Presentations in Acts
 5. Jesus Christ: Only Mediator: Intro to Christology: Bridge / Solution / Ministry / Atonement / Reign
 6. Receiving Jesus Christ: (John 1:12-13) Responding: Key Components & Exchanges of Soteriology
 7. **The First 5 Steps Into the Kingdom of Christ**: The Biblical Pattern of Conversion (Exodus 25:8-9, 40)
 8. Maturing in Jesus Christ: 3 Tools of Grace - Vital Growth Ingredients / Necessity of Discipleship
- 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:**
Element 7: Five First Steps into the Kingdom of God / Christ (1 Issue in 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. **3 Messages Ago: The Beginning of BHS Section C: Imparting or Receiving Holy Spirit Baptism**
BHS Series Chapter 13A: God's "Promise" for Every Follower / Believer (Luke 24:49) (Acts 1:4-5)
(Acts 2:36-39) ³⁸ Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself." ⁴⁰ And with many other **(Luke 11: 9-13)** ¹³ "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?" **(Eph. 1: 13-14) (2 Cor. 5:5) (Heb. 6:4-5)**
- II. **Last 2 Weeks & Today: 8 Essential Elements of the Gospel Series: Element 70b & c: (Step 3 Continued) aka Baptized in the Holy Spirit Series / Continuing in Section C: Imparting or Receiving Holy Spirit Baptism**
BHS Series Chapter 13B & C: Pentecost: Pinnacle, Plenitude & Pledge of All God's Purpose & Promises
What is "The Promise of the Father?" What is Included? Nature & Scope of "The Promise of the Father."
 - A. **Ascension Thursday: Jesus Commands Disciples to Wait in Jerusalem to Be Clothed w/ Power from Receiving "The Promise of the Father" (aka "Baptized in the Holy Spirit")**
(Luke 24:49) ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." (Cf. Acts 2:38-39; Luke 11:11-13; Eph. 1:13-4; 2 Cor. 5:5)
(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." **(Receiving "the Promise of the Father" is to be "Baptized with the Holy Spirit.")**

B. All Promises = 1 Promise: 1 God, 1 Bible, 1 Author, 1 Message w/ 1 Eternal Decree & Plan, 1 Truth, Etc. **(2 Corinthians 1:20)** ²⁰ For all (ὅσος / hósos) the promises (ἐπαγγελία / epangelía) of God find their Yes in Him.

That is why it is through Him that we utter our Amen to God for His glory. (ESV) (“all” in ESV, NKJV, GNV, CEB)

Note 1: Rendered “as many as” in NASB / “every one” in NET, HCSB / “no matter how many” in NIV /

“why how many ever be” in WYC / “as man as are” in YLT, AMPC / “how many so ever be” in ASV

(Also *please see*: ὅσος (hósos) in Strong’s & Thayer’s Greek Lexicon at blueletterbible.org)

Note 2: ἐπαγγελία (epangelía): announcements (pledge, guarantee; especially a divine assurance of good or favor); message, plan, purpose, covenantally assured promise(s). **(Important Examples Listed in II D Below.)**

C. The Message of the Bible as One: Travel Through, but Beyond Individualistic Other Worldly Redemption to Garden / City; Temple; People; Dominion; Glory; Kingdom (Brought from Heaven to Earth); Etc.

1. Read Your Whole Bible: Learn to Look for, Recognize, Find and Experience Christ as from All, Through All, In All, For All: All-In-All. (Read Whole Books & the Whole Book Multiple Times to Begin.)
2. Learn & Trace from Cover to Cover Repeating Biblical Imagery; Word Pictures; Types; Metaphors; Etc.
3. Look for & Develop from Genesis to Revelation Major Biblical Themes

GCF Foundational Book: God’s Big Picture: Tracing the Storyline of the Bible by Vaughan Roberts

GCF Intermediate Books: Through New Eyes by James B. Jordan & A House for My Name by Peter J. Leithart

D. The Promise(s) (Primary Examples Reviewed): (Genesis 3:15) (Genesis 12:1-3 – Repeated Many X’s) (Jer. 31:31-34; Quoted in Heb. 8:8-10ff; 10:16ff; Etc.) (Joel 2:28-31; Quoted in Acts 2:14-21) (Ezekiel 36:21-28)

E. Pentecost: Pinnacle & Plenitude of All God’s Purpose(s) & Promise(s) (Definition of Terms)

1. **Pentecost:** (See **BHS 12: 5 Examples**: Acts 2:1-4; 2:37-39ff; 8:4-20ff; 9:1-24ff; 10:1-11:18; 18:24-19:7)
2. **Pinnacle:** the highest or culminating point; (Discuss Matt 4:5; Luke 4:9); apex; acme; summit; zenith
3. **Plenitude:** condition of being full or complete; fullness in quantity, measure or degree; abundance
4. **Pledge:** Down Payment; Guarantee; Earnest Money (See also Hebrews 10:29 & Romans 8:15, 23)

(2 Corinthians 1:20-22) For as many as are the promises of God, in Him they are yes; therefore also through Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us. ²¹ Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God,²² who also sealed (σφραγίζω / sphragízō) us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a **pledge** (ἀρράβών).

(2 Corinthians 5:5) Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave to us the Spirit as a **pledge** (ἀρράβών / arrhabṓn) (Literally: down payment).

(Ephesians 1:13-14) In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation— having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ Who is given as a **pledge** (or down payment) (ἀρράβών / arrhabṓn) of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God’s own possession, to the praise of His glory.

sealed: σφραγίζω (sphragízō); to stamp w/ a private signet for security or preservation (literally or figuratively); therefore by implication: to keep secret, to attest: (set a seal, seal up, verify, preserve, authenticate)

pledge: (Literally down payment) ἀρράβών (arrhabṓn); of Hebrew origin; a pledge, i.e. part of the purchase-money or property given in advance as security for the rest; earnest; deposit.

5. **Purpose(s):** (For Example: Exodus 19:5-6 & 1 Peter 2:5, 9)

6. **Plan(s): One God – One Purpose, Plan: Eternal Decree (Job 42:2) (Proverbs 16:4)**

(Isaiah 46:10) Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, ‘My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure’;

7. **Promise(s):** See ἐπαγγελία (epangelía) & the Promises Reviewed Above in II D)

III. Summary Statement: Pentecost for Everyone Called to be a Follower / Disciple of Christ (Christian) is the Pinnacle (apex, zenith) and Plenitude (Completeness) in Pledge Form of All God’s Purpose & Promises fulfilled by Jesus (the Baptizer in the Holy Spirit); In Jesus and for the Glory of God in Christ.



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