***BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT***

PURPOSE: To inform individual what baptism of the Holy Spirit was and its place in the plan of God.

INTRODUCTION:

A. John 3:34 Jesus possessed the full measure of the Holy Spirit.

B. There are three measures of the Holy Spirit in the Christian church.

I. THE INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

A. Acts 2:38; 5:32 I Corinthians 3:17; 6:19.

B. The indwelling measure of the Holy Spirit is given to each disciple when baptized into Christ.

II. THE BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT:

A. The baptism of the Holy Spirit occurred twice: Acts 2 and Acts 10.

1. It was a promise to receive, not a command to obey.

2. It was predicted – prophesied.

3. It came without warning (people were not praying for it).

4. It resulted in people speaking languages of which they had no prior knowledge.

5. Its purpose was to usher in the Kingdom with power.

B. Accounts of the baptism with the Holy Spirit.

1. Acts 2 It was received by Jews in Jerusalem.

2. Acts 10 It was received by Gentiles in Caesarea.

Note Cornelius and his household were water baptized in vs. 48 saved at baptism.

Peter explained these actions to the Jews. (Acts 11:1-18).

"At the beginning" (Acts 11:14) He points out that what occurred with Cornelius had not  happened since Jerusalem on Pentecost. This is conclusive proof that Holy Spirit baptism occurred only twice.

C. Does the Baptism with the Holy Spirit still exist today?

1. Ephesians 4:4-6 There is ONE baptism - which one? (This was written about 60-62 AD).

2. 3 options:

1. John's Baptism: This passed away when the new covenant began (Acts 19:1-5).

2. The Baptism with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2 and 10): This is no longer present today as it was a prophecy/promise that has been fulfilled. It was never a general command for all Christians.

3. Baptism with water in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins to receive the indwelling of the Holy Spirit:

(l) Jesus commanded this baptism (Matthew 28:18-20).

(2) This baptism is recorded all the way through the book of Acts and the epistles.

1 Peter 3:21 (also written around 62 AD) makes reference to this water baptism of salvation.

(3) This had to be the one baptism of (Ephesians 4:4-6) as it was the only one practiced  by 60-62 AD when Ephesians was written.

III. THE MIRACULOUS GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (next lesson):

A. This was received by the apostles' laying on of hands.

B. It is no longer present today.