

What Are You Desperate For?



Top Priority

14 Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, 15 who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. 16 For He had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had simply been baptized [e]in the name of the Lord Jesus. 17 Then they began laying their hands on them, and they were receiving the Holy Spirit.

Law or LIFE? (2 Cor. 3)

- ⁴ Such confidence we have through Christ toward God. ⁵ Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as *coming* from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God, 6 who also made us adequate as servants of a new covenant, <u>not of the</u> letter, but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.
- 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

Who Are You Full Of???

Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was bestowed through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, ¹⁹ saying, "Give this authority to me as well, so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit." ²⁰ But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of **God** with money! ²¹ You have no part or portion in this matter, for your heart is not right before God. ²² Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you. ²³ For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bondage of iniquity." 24 But Simon answered and said, "Pray to the Lord for me yourselves, so that nothing of what you have said may come upon me."

Character Counts

- Gall of Bitterness noxious, revolting, offensive
- Bondage of Iniquity totally trapped by self-centered sinful attitude
- Was Simon a Bad Dude?
- A man cannot be perceived to be at the same time clever and Christ-like
- It can either be about you or about Him but NOT BOTH



What is the Biggest Miracle?

The Holy Spirit will give you the ability to tell what **you have** experienced - with miraculous results!!!!

But Even If He Doesn't

Our Hope is still in Him, not on any cool things we think we can do or should do for him or in His Name.

He is our source, our hope, our strength, and our sufficiency, now and forever. It is never about us serving Him, it has always been about Him loving us and living HIS LIFE in us.

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Relationship = Peace and Freedom

- deeply loved by God,
- fully accepted by God,
- completely and permanently forgiven by God,
- lavishly blessed by God,
- and eternally, perfectly embraced by God as his child; a child who brings Him unspeakable JOY