

**Who Should
be Baptized?**

Who can receive the Holy Spirit and Baptism?

Murderers

Adulterers

The Sexually Immoral

Liars

Thieves

The Greedy

Those who are abusive

Drunks and Drug Addicts

Gossipers

Terrorists

EVERYONE who desires to follow Jesus

Cornelius's Household and Peter

The Apostle Peter learns (through 3 God-given visions) that both the Holy Spirit and Baptism are for everyone who chooses to follow Jesus.

Acts 10:34-38 (ESV) ³⁴ So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ As for the

word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through **Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all)**, ³⁷ you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that

John proclaimed: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

Peter learned salvation was not just for the Jews. Will you share God's gift with those that you find intolerable or even evil? → *Do you recognize that those you may disdain or consider evil may be under the oppression of the devil?* *Is Jesus Lord of all in your life? Does your life demonstrate it?*

Who do you know that needs the new life only found in Jesus?

Acts 10:39-43 (NIV2011) ³⁹ "We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, ⁴⁰ but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. ⁴¹ He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.

⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Do you realize that when you become a Christian, you also become a witness (in words and actions), like Peter?

Jesus is perfect in His justice and those who follow Him will be granted grace and mercy instead of judgment.

Will you testify to those who least deserve God's grace & mercy?

Acts 10:44-48 (NLT2) ⁴⁴ Even as Peter was saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the message. ⁴⁵ The Jewish believers who came with Peter were amazed that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles, too. ⁴⁶ For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Then Peter asked, ⁴⁷ "Can anyone object to their being baptized, now that they have received the Holy Spirit just as we did?" ⁴⁸ So he gave orders for them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterward Cornelius asked him to stay with them for several days.

When you choose to follow Jesus as both Lord and Savior, you receive the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead.

What's the public step after receiving the Holy Spirit?

Baptism... and it's for all Christians.

Do you have the Holy Spirit? Have you taken the public step to identify in Jesus' death and proclaim new life through His resurrection?