

## The Holy Ghost (Part II)

- Review from Last Week
  - the purpose was to separate tongues and the Holy Ghost; tongues is a separate gift that one is eligible to receive after they have the Holy Ghost
  - also, the Holy Ghost comes after repentance; it is a second operation and only believers are eligible for it
- Opening Scripture: Acts 19:1-2
- What does the Holy Ghost do?
  - gives gifts (I Corinthians 12:4-11) \*discussed last week
  - is a teacher/comforter (John 14:26)
  - sheds the love of God (Romans 5:5)- love is perfected
  - gives power for service (Acts 1:8)
  - seals a Christian (Ephesians 1:13)
  - \*purges a Christian (John 15:1-2)
  - \*sanctifies (I Peter 1:2)
  - these last two aspects are ones that we want to discuss in more detail
- Sanctification
  - this is another term that is commonly used in the Bible to describe this experience of receiving the Holy Ghost (from here on out, we'll use both terms interchangeably)
  - definition- sanctified- dedicated/consecrated
- How do I present myself before God to receive sanctification?
  - Romans 12:1-2
  - the Holy Ghost ultimately sets us apart, but we play a role as well
  - we must present ourselves as a living sacrifice (be willing to dedicate the rest of our lives for the cause of Christ)
  - we are already living holy and pure lives as believers (holiness is a base requirement- Hebrews 12:14)
  - we are living in a manner that is acceptable to God (God may reveal things to us that are not blatant sin; we must be living up to these things also in obedience)

- our mindset changes and we focus on the will of God; we are also empowered to fulfill it
  - this is another level; justification (the experience received after repentance) cleanses and forgives sin, but sanctification goes beyond sin
  - you lay down your will and become a living sacrifice; this is the price; God wants you
  - in the Bible, justification/repentance is depicted as a birth (we become alive to Christ); however, sanctification is depicted as a death (we are crucified with Christ as a living sacrifice)
  - after sanctification, God's will becomes the number 1 focus above all else
- Conclusion
    - this week, we went over what the Holy Ghost does and focused on the aspect of sanctification
    - next week, we'll discuss the purging that takes place