

PNEUMATOLOGY

The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit Bible Institute - Winter 2025-26 Gulf Coast Baptist Church

- I. Following the convincing work of the Holy Spirit, the gift of faith is given, and the mind which is prepared accepts and uses the gift of faith to believe on Christ
 - A. *"For unto you it was given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;"* - Philippians 1:29
 - B. *"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any many should boast."* - Ephesians 2:8-9
 - C. *"And a certain woman named Lydia...which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul."* - Act 16:14
 - D. *"...exhorting the disciples to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed through grace."* - Acts 18:27
- II. The gift of faith is given and the act of faith is exercised before the application of salvation
 - A. Faith precedes salvation
 1. Prepositions are used which indicates faith precedes regeneration/salvation
 - a) Romans 1:16-17 - *"unto"*, *"out of...into"* eis...ek...eis
 - b) Ephesians 2:8 - *"through faith"* dia
 2. Scripture reveals that faith precedes salvation.
 - a) Luke 8:12 illustrates faith before salvation, though this is not during the present dispensation
 - b) Acts 16:31 - *"believe...and thou shalt be saved"*
 - c) Romans 1:16 - *"the gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth"*
 - d) Romans 10:9 - *"...and shalt believe in thine heart....thou shalt be saved."*
 - e) 1 Corinthians 1:21 - *"...it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."*
 - f) Romans 4:3 - *"...Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness."*
 - B. Regeneration results in the impartation of spiritual life that the lost do not possess comes after or the result of faith in the gospel
 1. Christ informed a group of unsaved Jews that if they did not believe they would die in their sins - they would not be regenerated - John 8:24
 2. Eternal life results from believing upon Christ - John 3:15-16
 3. *"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life"* - John 3:36
 4. The Father's will was that anyone who beheld the Son and believed on him would have everlasting life - John 6:40
 5. *"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ"* - 2 Corinthians 4:6
 - C. There is a human response presented in Scripture as necessary for the application of salvation
 1. 1 Corinthians 6:11 literally reads, *"but ye are washed."* The verb washed is a middle voice. The Middle voice indicates that their own actions were done on behalf of themselves.

2. Revelation 7:14 indicates “*and have washed their robes...*”. The voice of this verb is Active. The response of these two groups is seen as action done on actively and on behalf of themselves. It represents their acts of faith in the person of Jesus Christ.
- D. Because even though the unsaved persons is dead spiritually he is not unconscious nor unable to reason or think: even in the state of physical death one can think (Luke 16:8, 27-29; Rev. 6:15-17). In the realm of spiritual death, the unsaved person’s mind is forceless or useless in the area of spiritual truth, not because he cannot reason, but because he can only take a negative attitude or draw wrong conclusions.
 1. Their minds are darkened or separated from the life of God (Ephesians 4:17-18)
 2. They do not welcome truth which is evaluated spiritually (1 Corinthians 2:14)
 - a) “*Receiveth*” does not mean that he can’t learn the facts. He may learn the facts but he sees no value in those facts. He rejects them because he is unable to experientially relate to those facts.
 3. Their minds are darkened and unable to see the glory expressed in the gospel (2 Corinthians 4:3-4). As a result, they evaluate the gospel as foolishness (1 Corinthians 1:18-24)