THE GREAT COMMISSION

Infallible proofs
Acts 1:3; John 20:20

Jesus’ last command:

“And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”
Luke 24:45-49

“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe.”
Mark 16:15-18

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.”
Matthew 28:18-20

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me.”
Acts 1:4-8

Mount Olivet Ascension

Disciples go to Jerusalem to wait.
SIX DISPENSATION—“GRACE”  
(THE CHURCH BEGINS)

Ephesians 5:25-27

“Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.”  
Acts 2:38-39

“And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”  
Acts 2:4

Joel 2:28-29  Isaiah 28:10-12  Ezekiel 11:19-20  Jeremiah 31:31-33
“REPENT, AND BELIEVE THE GOSPEL”

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“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.” Mark 16:16; Acts 8:35-38; 16:31-33; 18:8

How do we repent?
• Choose to turn from actions that lead to death. Ezekiel 18:23; Acts 26:18, 20
• Surrender our self-rule. Romans 6:6-13; Galatians 5:24; Colossians 3:3
• Call upon the Lord; confess and forsake sins. Acts 2:21; 22:16; Romans 10:12-13; I John 1:9; Ephesians 4:22
• Promise to love, serve, and obey Him. John 12:26; 14:23

What must we believe?
• The gospel! (Acknowledge and identify with Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection.) Romans 1:16; 6:3-8, 11; 10:9-10; I Corinthians 15:1-4; Galatians 2:20
• Jesus’ blood legally redeemed us from sin. Hebrews 9:12; I Peter 1:18-19; Revelation 5:9
• Jesus is the Christ. (Salvation in no other name.) John 20:31; Acts 4:12; 9:20-22

What begins when we repent and believe?
• We turn from Satan’s rule to the lordship of Christ. Hebrews 2:14-15; Romans 6:16-22
• Sins are forgiven. Acts 3:19; 26:18; Ephesians 1:7; I John 1:7-9

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WATER BAPTISM—SIGN OF NEW COVENANT

OLD SIGN

NEW SIGN

Circumcision of flesh
Genesis 17:10-14

Circumcision of the heart
Colossians 2:11-12; Romans 2:28-29

Why should I be baptized in water?

- A Command
- Remission of Sins
- A Clear Conscience
- At repentance, the “old man” died. In water baptism, the “old man” is buried.
- Identify with Christ
THE COVENANT NAME

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.” Matthew 28:19

The name of the Father is:
(“I am come in my Father’s Name.”) John 5:43

The name of the Son is:
(“Thou shalt call his name JESUS.”) Matthew 1:21

The name of the Holy Ghost is:
(“The Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name.”) John 14:26

“Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” Acts 4:12

Examples of water baptism in the Book of Acts
• Taught in the epistles
  Galatians 3:27;
  Romans 6:3-5;
  Colossians 2:11-12

3,000 believers baptized on Day of Pentecost
Acts 2:38-41

The Samaritan believers
Acts 8:16

Cornelius, his family, and friends
Acts 10:48

Disciples of John
Acts 19:5

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THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GIVEN TO “BELIEVERS”

First believe . . .

• “And these signs shall follow them that believe . . .”

• “He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water . . .”

• “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and . . .”

• “After that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, . . .”

• “How much more shall your heavenly Father give . . .”

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THE PURPOSE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

What is the Holy Spirit?

• God’s new manifestation
  John 4:24; 7:37-39

• Promise of Father
  Luke 24:49;
  Acts 1:4; 2:39

• The Comforter
  John 15:26; 16:7

• A seal of ownership
  Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30; II Corinthians 1:22

• A witness that we dwell in Him and He in us
  I John 3:24; 4:13; Galatians 4:6; Acts 15:8

Why receive the Holy Spirit?

• Brings rest, peace, and joy
  Isaiah 28:11-12; Romans 14:17

• Helps us pray
  Romans 8:26;
  I Corinthians 14:14-15;
  Jude 20

• Gives power to witness
  Acts 1:8; 4:31

• Teaches, guides, shows us things to come
  John 14:26; 16:13

• Gives power over the enemy
  Luke 10:19-20; Isaiah 59:19;
  I John 4:1-4

• Opens the door to other gifts of the Spirit
  I Corinthians, chapters 12 and 14
THE FIRST EVIDENCE OF BEING BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT—
SPEAKING WITH OTHER TONGUES

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Why did God choose tongues?

• God is sovereign. Isaiah 40:13-14
• From the heart, the mouth speaketh. Matthew 12:34
• Chief means of expression. Proverbs 18:20-21; James 3:3-5
• Tongue is most difficult member to control. James 3:5-8
• An obvious, external, uniform sign. Acts 11:15-17
HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE HOLY GHOST SINCE YOU BELIEVED?

Repent and believe the gospel. Ask Jesus to be Lord of your life.

**STEP 1**


Water baptism

**STEP 2**

Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38

Be comfortable.

**STEP 3**

Acts 2:2

Ask and believe for God’s gift.

**STEP 4**


Let the Spirit submerge and flow out of you.

**STEP 6**

John 7:37-38

Become as a little child. Surrender your tongue to the Spirit’s control.

**STEP 7**

Matthew 18:2-4; Galatians 4:6; Isaiah 28:11; Acts 2:4

Offer a sacrifice of praise.

**STEP 5**

Hebrews 13:15; Psalm 116:17

I thank You, Jesus, for dying for my sins. You are my Savior. I appreciate Your love and the promise of the Holy Ghost...”

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