New Testament History: Acts

The Holy Spirit

Fundamental Facts: The Holy Spirit

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- The Holy Spirit is God
- The Bible is the product of the Spirit's work
- The Holy Spirit does not contradict Himself

The Gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38)

- Grammar cannot settle the point, but parallel usage does shed light on the subject
- Immediate and remote context indicates the reference is to the gift of blessings and Salvation
- Potential consequences of the position that the Holy Spirit is Himself given as a gift

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

- Not for the purpose of Salvation (Acts 8)
- The Apostles (Acts 2)
- Cornelius and his Household (Acts 10, 11)

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

- In the absence of the completed written revelation, the gifts of the Spirit were given to instruct Christians in the first century (1 Corinthians 14:1-6)
- These were provisional gifts, to be taken away at the completion of revelation (1 Corinthians 13:8-10)

The Indwelling of the Spirit

- The Holy Spirit works through the medium of the word. (cf. Mark 12:36; Acts 7:51-53)
- The Bible affirms the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. But, the phrase is indicative of relationship rather than a bodily indwelling (cf. Romans 8:9; 1 John 4:15)

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