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The Promise of the Holy Spirit



Different 'Measures' of the Holy Spirit ...

- Unlimited – Jesus – John 3:34
- Baptismal – Apostles/Cornelius
 - Acts 1:4-5; 2:17; 10:45,47
- Miraculous Gifts – By laying on of apostles hands measure
 - 1 Cor. 12:8-12; Acts 8:14-18; Acts 19:6; Rom. 1:11
- Non- Miraculous / Indwelling – promised to all obedient believers
 - Acts 2:38 cf. Acts 5:32

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- Some passages which deserve some notice -Joel 2:28-32; Isaiah 44:3-5; 32:15-17;Ezekiel 36:26-27; 37:14
- The Old Testament prophets promised a ***special*** dispensation of the Spirit to come.

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- [Joel 2:28-32 ASV] 28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: 29 and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my Spirit. 30 And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. 31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of Jehovah cometh. 32 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of Jehovah shall be delivered; for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those that escape, as Jehovah hath said, and among the remnant those whom Jehovah doth call.

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- The basics:
 - *The Spirit being poured out on **all** flesh (Joel 2:28).*
 - *Sons and daughters of Israel prophesying, and Israel's young and old men seeing visions and dreaming dreams (note "**your**" - Joel 2:28).*
 - *God's Spirit poured out upon His servants and handmaids...Gentiles(?) (Joel 2:29).*

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- This prophecy of pouring out His Spirit *began* fulfillment on the day of Pentecost.
 - **Acts 2:1-4**
 - These events were in answer to the "promise of my Father" which Jesus sent forth (Luke 24:49)
 - Peter ties the events of that day with Joel's prophecy
 - Acts 2:15-19
 - Says "...having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit" – Acts 2:33
 - Then says the promise is for every obedient believer
 - Acts 2:39

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- Acts 2:39
 - The promise was ...
 - To YOU ... those present
 - Your Children ...
 - Those “afar off” ...
as many as God shall call to Him.

Is Joel's prophecy a broad spectrum prophecy that includes those whom were to be baptized with the Holy Spirit (apostles) and those who would receive miraculous gifts by the laying on of the apostles hands, but also includes the non-miraculous indwelling Spirit promised to all obedient believers?

Seems connected in our context!

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- [Isa 44:3-5 ASV] 3 For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and streams upon the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring: 4 and they shall spring up among the grass, as willows by the watercourses. 5 One shall say, I am Jehovah's; and another shall call [himself] by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe with his hand unto Jehovah, and surname [himself] by the name of Israel.
 - Elements ...
 - God pouring out His Spirit ...
 - Connecting the promise of the Spirit with the figure of water given to him who is thirsty - John 7:37-39
 - Isaiah 32:15-17

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- [Ezekiel 36:26-27 ASV] [26] A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. [27] And I will put my **Spirit within you**, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep mine ordinances, and do them.
- [Ezekiel 37:14 ASV] [14] And I will put my Spirit in you, and **ye shall live**, and I will place you in your own land: and ye shall know that I, Jehovah, have spoken it and performed it, saith Jehovah.
 - Elements
 - God promised to put His Spirit “within you” or “in you” – an indwelling
 - Would enable one to walk in His statutes and keep His judgments

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- In the preaching of John
 - Mark 1:7-8
 - John 1:33

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- In the teaching of Jesus
 - Luke 11:13
 - John 7:37-39
 - To all those who...
 - Thirst
 - Come to me
 - Drink
 - Believe

The Promise in the New Testament

- In the teaching of Jesus
 - Jesus promised the apostles the “Spirit of truth”
 - John 14:16-17; 14:26; 15:26-27; 16:7-14.
 - Instructed apostles to wait in Jerusalem for the “Promise of the Father”
 - Luke 24:49

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- In the preaching of Peter
 - A summary
 - Acts 2

