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The Gift of the Holy Spirit

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- “And you shall receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit.” – Acts 2:38
 - Pentecost – Jesus poured out Spirit
 - Acts 2:16-17; 2:33
 - Peter offers hope, promises gift of Holy Spirit
 - Acts 2:37-39
 - What is the gift?
 - The Holy Spirit Himself?
 - Something the Spirit gives?

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- “And you shall receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit.” – Acts 2:38
 - Grammatical arguments?
 - Appositional genitive!
 - Objective genitive!

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- Contextual Considerations
 - Immediate context
 - Jesus - Acts 1:4-5
 - Peter – Acts 2:33; 2:38-39
 - Remote context
 - Acts 5:32
 - Acts 10:44-47

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- Doctrinal Distinctions
 - The “gift” of the Holy Spirit is different from the “gifts” of the Spirit
 - 1 Corinthians 12:1,7,11 (4,9,28, 30 “gifts”); 14:1
 - The gift as related to indwelling of Holy Spirit
 - Not unique or new understanding
 - Various studied men
 - Supported by Scripture – 1 Cor. 6:19; Rom. 8:9-11

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- Doctrinal Distinctions
 - Defending against error?
 - Peter refers to gift of salvation?
 - Oppose “literal” indwelling of Holy Spirit
 - Indwelling is entirely mediated
 - A necessary position to refute charismatic error?

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 - John 7:37-39
 - Acts 5:32
 - Romans 8:11
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:8
 - 2 Timothy 1:14
 - 1 John 3:24
 - 1 John 4:13

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 - Acts 5:32 ASV And we are witnesses of these things; and [so is] the Holy Spirit, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

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 - 1 John 3:24 And he that keepeth his commandments abideth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he gave us.
 - 1 John 4:13 hereby we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

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- Fallacious conclusions ...
 - Indwelling = miraculous
 - Indwelling Spirit guides or illuminates in a mysterious way
 - Operates in a direct way against free will
 - Indwelling = incarnation
 - Indwelling = inspiration

