

What is the pattern of Giving and Receiving the Fullness of the Holy Spirit?

Acts 2:38-39 (NLT) - Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God.”

1. Repent of your sins and turn to God.

Act 2:38a (NLT) - “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God...”

2. Be baptized.

Acts 2:38b (NLT) - “...be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.”

3. Receive the promise.

Acts 2:38c-39 (NLT) - “Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God.”

STUDY GUIDE

1. Read the main passage from Sunday, Acts 2:38-39. What are your initial observations and impressions?
2. The instructions (the pattern) certainly seem simple enough: Repent, be baptized, receive. Where are you personally in each of those realities or requirements in the overall process of being filled with the Holy Spirit?
Repent: _____
Be baptized: _____
Receive: _____
3. Are you aware of any potential roadblocks that might arise to hinder any of the 3 steps in the pattern? Take some time to prayerfully consider how to respond to the insights the Holy Spirit might reveal.
4. For additional insight, read Acts 8:14-17; this is another account of what happened when a group of believers open themselves to receiving the fullness of the Holy Spirit. What do you observe from that account?
5. Ask the Lord to continue developing a posture of “Open Heart, Open Hands” in your life. Trust Him to help you do exactly that!