**Acts 2:38**

**Repent, and be baptized … for the remission of sins,**

**and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost**

Repentance is necessary to salvation:

* Luke 13:3 “except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish”
* Acts 3:19 “Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.”
* Acts 8:22 “Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.” - for Christians also

Baptism is necessary to salvation:

* Mark 16:16 “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”
* Acts 22:16 “And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.”
* I Pet 3:21 “baptism doth also now save us”

Baptism has to be “for the remission of sins”:

* Kids playing church in the swimming pool baptizing each other
* Matt 19:9 “Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery” Divorce for a reason other than fornication
* Most churches say you don’t have to be baptized to be saved; they don’t baptize people “for the remission of sins.” You can tell that when a church waits until they have a group of people before they have a baptismal service. Since they don’t think baptism is necessary to salvation, there is no risk in waiting.
* If you have been baptized by one of these churches, you have not been baptized “for the remission of sin,” you haven’t gotten the remission of sins, you haven’t been scripturally baptized, you haven’t been saved.

We receive the Holy Ghost at our baptism:

* Acts 5:32 “And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.”
* Rom 5:5 “And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.”
* I Cor 6:18-19 “Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?”
* I Thess 4:8 “He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.”
* I John 3:24 “And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.”

On last week’s program we proved the Miraculous Gifts are not for today.