

FACTS ABOUT ETERNAL LIFE

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Who promised it; Where it is found; How it is given or obtained and when

1. Mk.10:29,30
2. Jno.3:15,16; 6:68; 10:27,28; 17:1-3
3. Rom.2:6,7; 5:8-10; 5:20,21; 6:23
4. 2Tim.2:10
5. Tit.1:2
6. Heb.5:8,9; 9:12.
7. 1Pet.1:3-5; 5:10
8. 1Jno.2:24,25.
9. Rev.3:21

Both the Father and the Son are said to give eternal life, but not the Holy Spirit.

Note the parallel expressions in Ac.2:38 and Ac.10:45. The expression is the same in both the Greek and the English text. Why would it mean one thing in Ac.2:38 and something else in Ac.10:45.

What did Cornelius and his household receive when they received “the gift of the Holy Spirit”? Ac.10:45-47—the spiritual gift of speaking in tongues. Cf. Mk.16:17,18; Ac.2:16-18.

Compare the expression “for the remission of sins” in Mt.26:28 and Ac.2:38 and our argument with the Baptist people by first noting what they say “for” in Ac.2:38 means (“because of”), and then what they recognize what it means in Mt.26:28.

Why would not the same type of argument apply with the same force in the case of Ac.2:38 and Ac.10:45 in the matter of the expression “the gift of the Holy Spirit”?

Therefore, the promise of “the gift of the Holy Spirit” in Ac.2:38 is not eternal life. The simplest answer for its meaning in Ac.2:38 is that set forth in Ac.2:16-18 and Mk.16:17,18; as well as Ac.19:5,6 and 1Cor.12:1,4-11,30.

TAKE NOTE OF THE FUNCTION OF EACH MEMBER OF THE GODHEAD

The Holy Spirit is subservient to both God the Father and God the Son. For the Holy Spirit is said to be sent by the Father. Also said to be sent by the Son.

Though all three are God or deity and one in purpose, they are not one in function. The Father planned. The Holy Spirit revealed and confirmed revelation. The Son executed the plan – fulfilled it.

To do this, both the Son and the Holy Spirit were subservient to the Father.

In their function as members of the Godhead they never were at cross-purposes; nor did they ever deviate from their designed function in carrying out God’s plan of human redemption.

You never find one of them crossing over so to speak and doing the work the other was designed to do. Each one maintained his peculiar and/or particular function throughout.