**Notes on Scriptures:**

**Acts 11:15-17** Peter refers to the baptism of Cornelius’ house as God **giving** them *the* ***same gift*** *as He gave us* (also **v.15**) *when* (*at the beginning* in **v.15**) *we believed on the* ***Lord*** *Jesus.* The apostles could not believe on the **Lord** Jesus till the Spirit came upon them and revealed that heavenly event to them. This is when it was first revealed to the apostles by the Spirit and declared by the apostles (**Acts 2:36**). What happened to Cornelius reminded Peter of Jesus’ promise to the apostles that they would be baptized with the Holy Spirit (**Acts 1:5**).

**Acts 1:4-8, 20-26** The baptism of the Holy Spirit enabled the apostles to become witnesses of Jesus’ resurrection. One of the qualifications was to have been an eyewitness of the resurrection already, but the Holy Spirit would empower the apostles “***to become*** *a witness* *with us of His resurrection,”* to give specially revealed spiritual truth (the Lordship of Jesus, forgiveness through His blood, etc.) related to the resurrection. They also received power to lay hands on Christians so that those Christians would be able to have supernatural spiritual gifts (**Acts 8:14-18, Romans 1:11; 2 Corinthians 12:12**).

**Acts 15:7-11** Peter reveals more concerning the purpose of Cornelius’ house being baptized with the Holy Spirit. God did it to *acknowledge* the Gentiles (**v.8**), to demonstrate that God does not have different plans of salvation for Jews and Gentiles (**v.9**). Holy Spirit baptism was not to save the Gentiles. Their hearts were to be purified by **faith** (**v.9**; also see **Colossians 2:12**), which was the gospel spoken by Peter to them (**v.7**). Holy Spirit baptism was not a sign that the Gentiles were already saved. Peter had to tell them words by which they would be saved (**Acts 11:14**). The Spirit fell on them when Peter **began** to speak, before they heard to believe. Then Peter told them what to do to be saved, be baptized in the name of the Lord (**v.47-48**) which is for remission of sins (**Acts 2:38**).

**DURATION: A.D. 60 When the Perfect PERMANENT**

 **“ONE BAPTISM” Revelation had come**

 **Ephesians 4:5 1 Corinthians 13:8-13 Ephesians 1:13**

 **Acts 2:38, 10:47-48 mode and purpose fulfilled 1 Cor. 6:19; 2 Cor. 5:5**

**PURPOSE: Authorize Apostles Reveal & Confirm the Word Seal the Saint**

 **Acts 1:4-8, 20-26 Hebrews 2:4, Mark 16:15-20 Ephesians 1:3,13-14**

 **Approve Gentiles Edify the Church Produce Fruit**

 **Acts 11:1-18, 15:7-11 1 Corinthians 14 Galatians 5:22-23**

 **Strengthen Saints**

 **Ephesians 3:16**

 **Intercedes To God**

 **Romans 8:26-27**

**MODE: BAPTISM APOSTLES’ HANDS GOD HAS GIVEN**

 **by Christ laid on saints to all who obey**

 **Acts 11:15-17 Acts 8:14-19 Acts 5:32**

 **Acts 1:4-8, 2:1-21,33 Romans 1:11; 2 Timothy 1:6 Acts 2:38, Ephesians 5:18**

**THE HOLY SPIRIT**