

The Gentiles receive the Holy Spirit

Acts 10:44-48

How do you know that you have the Holy Spirit within you?

Who are the participants in this event?

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- Peter
- Cornelius
- Cornelius's family (relatives) and close friends (v 24)
- Jewish believers from Joppa (six - see 11:12)
- The Holy Spirit

When did this happen?

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Around 38 A.D. (CE)

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Death, resurrection of Christ (a.d. 33 [or 30]) [†]		●										
Pentecost (30/33)		■										
Stephen stoned (31/33)		■										
Paul converted (33/34*)		●										
Paul meets with Peter in Jerusalem (36/37*)			●									
Paul ministers in Syria/Cilicia (37–45)			■									
Peter witnesses to Cornelius (38*)				●								
James, brother of John, martyred (41–44)					■							
Peter rescued from prison, leaves Jerusalem (44)					●							
Paul's second Jerusalem visit (famine relief) (44–47*)					■							
Paul's first missionary journey (46–47)					●							
Peter and Paul at Jerusalem council (48–49*)						●						
Paul's second missionary journey (48/49–51*)						■						
Claudius expels Jews from Rome (49)							●					
Paul's third missionary journey (52–57*)							■					
Paul ministers in Ephesus (52–55)							■					
Claudius dies; Jews allowed back to Rome (54)								●				
Nero's reign (54–68)								■				
Paul arrested in Jerusalem (57*)									●			
Paul imprisoned in Caesarea (57–59)									■			
James, brother of the Lord, martyred (62)										●		
Paul under house arrest in Rome (62*)										●		
Luke writes Gospel of Luke and Acts (62*)										●		
Paul released, resumes ministry, rearrested (62–64)										■		
Paul and Peter martyred in Rome (64–67*)										■		

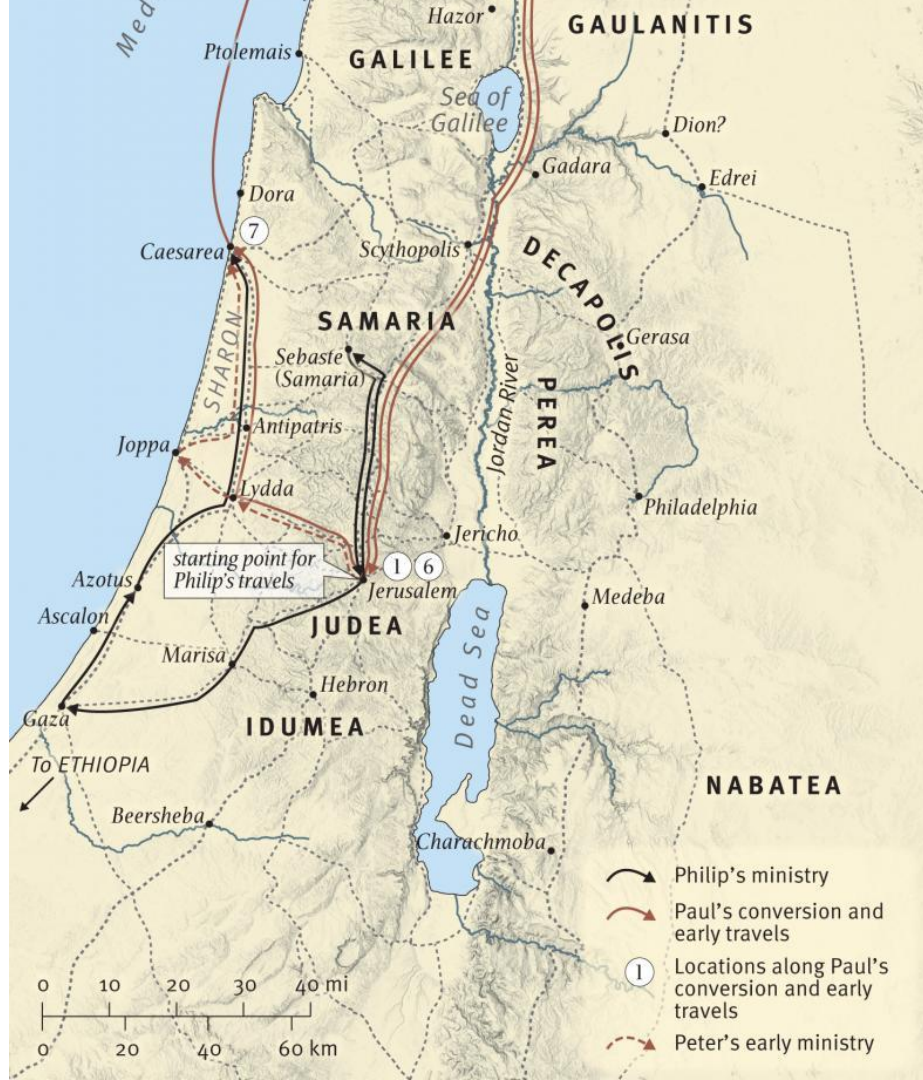
* denotes approximate date; / signifies either/or; † see *The Date of Jesus' Crucifixion*, pp. 1809–1810

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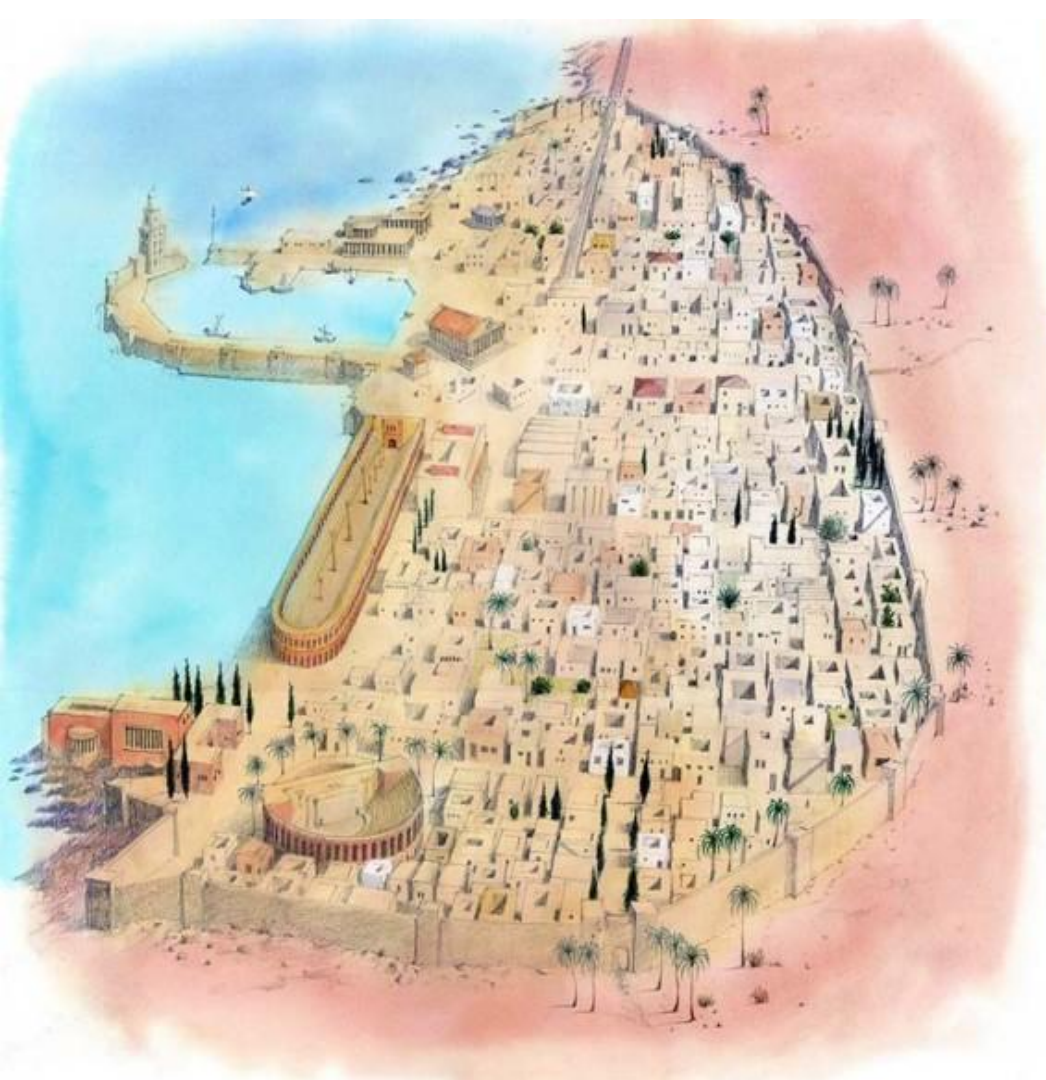
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Cornelius's house in Caesarea Maritima







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Because Peter and the other Jewish believers needed to see, hear, and know that God intended to include Gentiles in the church, and not just Jews.

While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

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Compare the timing and/or order of belief, baptism, and receiving the Holy Spirit in:

- Acts 2:1-4
- Acts 2:38-41
- Acts 8:12-17
- Acts 10:44-48
- Acts 19:1-6

Conclusions?

Did anything special or significant happen when you first received the Holy Spirit?

Why wasn't your experience like what happened to the Gentiles in Acts 10? Or the Samaritans in Acts 8:12-17? Or the Jews in Acts 2:1-4?

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 1:8

Order of salvation (ordo salutis) - two historic views

Reformed

1. Election/Predestination
2. Atonement
3. Gospel call
4. Inward call
5. Regeneration
6. Conversion (faith and repentance)
7. Justification
8. Sanctification
9. Glorification

Arminian

1. Outward call
2. Faith/Election
3. Repentance
4. Regeneration
5. Justification
6. Perseverance
(Sanctification?)
7. Glorification

“Truth doesn’t depend on agreeing with me.”

Francis Schaeffer, L’Abri, 1978