

New Faith Church
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Unity A Gift from the Holy Spirit

Acts 10:44-48

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- I. God does not discriminate, rather He wants every believer to experience the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- II. We miss the mark when we assume that only a certain few can experience the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- III. We are to understand that the gift of the Holy Spirit is for every believer. His indwelling presence is the only way there is unity in the Church.
- IV. The evidence of the Holy Spirit is evident in the 1st century church. This evident through reconciliation and unity.
- V. When the Holy Spirit is evident in the church we find:
 1. Boldness to Speak (Verse 45)
 - A. ⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message.
 - B. Peter is bold in proclaiming the gospel and refuting his and others wrong thinking about God.
 2. Repentance (Verse 46-47)
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- B. These Jewish Christians were being challenged to put aside their narrow understanding of God, elitist and potentially discriminatory ways.

3. Openness

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- B. Believers who accept the power of God and flow in the Spirit experience God through the praise
- C. The Holy Spirit empowers believers to hold the same value He had on His human creation.
- D. A heart changed by God values the humanity in all and seeks connection and unity.