

into the kingdom of God” (John 3:5). Being “born of water” is baptism by immersion in Jesus’ name, as discussed above. To be born “of the Spirit” completes the “Born Again” experience commanded by Jesus in John 3:3, but only if it is combined with water baptism in His name. It takes both, water and Spirit. Being “born of the Spirit” is what is termed receiving the “gift of the **Holy Ghost**” in Acts 2:38, in the instructions of Peter on the Day of Pentecost to the people who wanted to know what to do to be saved. In fact, the terms “baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire,” “filled with the Holy Spirit,” and the “gift of the Holy Ghost” are synonymous terms used interchangeably in the Bible. But, how do we know we have received the “gift of the Holy Ghost”? Simple: When one speaks in an unknown tongue, it is evidence of receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost! This is the way men of the Bible knew that people had received the Holy Ghost and it’s the same way today. Refer to Acts 2:4, Acts 10:46, and Acts 19:6 to see the “evidence” of receiving the Holy Ghost—speaking in tongues.

5. **At this point, you have done what is necessary to be “saved”.** You have done everything that Peter said to do in answer to the question; “Men and Brethren, what shall we do?” (Acts 2:37) You (1) repented of your sins, (2) you were baptized (by immersion) in Jesus’ Name and (3) you received the gift of the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:38) (and you knew you received the gift of the Holy Ghost, because you spoke in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance...see Acts 2:4). **But, you can**

still be lost and spend eternity in Hell.

Don’t be fooled by one of Satan’s most damning lies of, “Once saved, always saved”. You must now live an overcoming life. When you sin, and you will sin, seek forgiveness from God. Let His Spirit, the Spirit that now lives in you, the Holy Ghost, guide and lead you.

Find a church that teaches “truth”. **Not all churches teach “truth”.** If you don’t know where to find a church that teaches “truth”, look for a church that stresses the points outlined in 1 – 5, above. If you don’t know where to look for a church that teaches “truth”, ask the person who gave you this track. Possibly they can help. Or, search for a church on the Internet. A good starting point is the United Pentecostal Church International website at <http://www.upci.org>. Once you find the right church, regularly and faithfully attend that church. Submit to the pastor. He is your “shepherd”. Contact us at <http://www.AzusaStreetRiders.com> to let us know how you are doing. Our ministry is about leading souls to heaven, one at a time. **May God bless you in your search to find “TRUTH” and in your walk with God!**

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The Bikers’ Prayer



Is It Enough?

A Serious Question for the Christian Biker

As a biker and a Christian, the “*Bikers Prayer*” may have helped “win” you to the Lord. It goes something like this:

God, I know you are real. Thank you for being in the wind with me even before I ask. Thank you for your son, Jesus, that died for me. Forgive me of my sins, for I truly repent and turn to you. Jesus, I ask you now to come into my heart that we might ride together daily. I dedicate myself and my scooter to serving you. Thank you Lord for my salvation! Thank you, for I am now in “Your” wind. Amen

If you were one of the many who has turned to Jesus with the aid of this prayer, we thank God for it! We also thank Him for your dedication to His work and willingness to reach into the pits of Hell to help bring others into His presence. But, **is this prayer, by itself, enough? Are you really “saved”?**

Many pastors and biker-preachers stress: “*That if you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord’, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*” (Romans 10:9; NIV). This IS TRUE and it IS SCRIPTURAL. However, taken out of context and/or alone, this scripture makes it sound as if nothing else is needed for salvation.

NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH!

The Bible **MUST** be taken as a complete source of reference for salvation. All passages must be read in context with other surrounding scripture, understanding basically to whom the scripture was originally written and for what reason or purpose it was written. Paul said in II Timothy 2:15 (KJV), “*Study to shew (show) thyself approved unto God, a workman that*

needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” The Bible can be, and has been, used to support almost anything simply by referencing selected scripture. For example, the Bible says, “There is no God”, but the entire scripture says, in Psalm 14:1, “The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.”—a big difference! This over-simplistic example demonstrates what is actually meant by “rightly dividing the word of truth”.

Going back to Romans 10:19, it says, “That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” In rightly dividing the word of truth, let it be understood that the Book of Romans is an epistle, or a letter, written to the early church in Rome. This church had already been “saved” by following the teachings in the Book of Acts—essentially, by doing what Peter said in Acts 2:38: “...*Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.*”

The people in the church in Rome had already (1) repented, had (2) been baptized by immersion in the name of Jesus Christ, and had (3) received the gift of the Holy Ghost which was evidenced by speaking in other tongues. The instructions in Romans 10:19 were for an already-believing and already-saved church body, **NOT** for sinners looking to initially come to God.

It’s important to understand that there are “steps” on the way to heaven, just as there are steps in getting to the second floor of a house:

1. We must first **believe** in Him (Jesus). If you don’t believe in Him, taking the other

steps will not matter. And, if you believe, you will do what he wants you to do. (see Hebrews 11:6)

2. Next, we must **repent** of our sins. True repentance means sincerely desiring to abandon our old ways of sin, seeking Jesus’ help in living an overcoming life.
3. After true repentance, we must have our sins washed away in **baptism**. Baptism means full immersion, not sprinkling. Jesus’ church—the church founded on Jesus’ teachings in the Book of Acts—baptized in this manner, so why should men do it differently today? Secular historical evidence points to this fact, as does the Bible itself. Since Jesus shed His blood and died for us, we must take on His name in baptism—we must be baptized in the “Name of Jesus”, not in the “name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost”, because “Father”, “Son” and “Holy Ghost” are not names, they are simply titles. Colossians 3:17 states: “*And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.*” Without fail, **every** baptism that took place in the Book of Acts was done in the “Name of Jesus” or in the “Name of the Lord” (and the Lord’s name is “Jesus”). In the entire Bible, there was **never** a baptism done citing the “name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost”—**never!** Again, why should we baptize differently today? Answer: We shouldn’t! Men changed the way baptisms were done, not God!
4. Jesus said, “*Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter*