

## **Ghost Stories**

### **Part One - Gifts from the Ghost**

**The Book of Acts is called The Acts of the Apostles. However, it actually records the acts of God working through the apostles.**

#### **Acts 5:1-5**

But there was a certain man named Ananias who, with his wife, Sapphira, sold some property. 2 He brought part of the money to the apostles, claiming it was the full amount. With his wife's consent, he kept the rest. 3 Then Peter said, "Ananias, why have you let Satan fill your heart? You lied to the Holy Spirit, and you kept some of the money for yourself. 4 The property was yours to sell or not sell, as you wished. And after selling it, the money was also yours to give away. How could you do a thing like this? You weren't lying to us but to God!" 5 As soon as Ananias heard these words, he fell to the floor and died. Everyone who heard about it was terrified.

#### **Acts 9:17-18**

So Ananias went and found Saul. He laid his hands on him and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road, has sent me so that you might regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." 18 Instantly something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he got up and was baptized.

**To have these kinds of Ghost stories today, we must be filled with the Holy Spirit.**

#### **Matthew 3:11**

"I baptize with water those who repent of their sins and turn to God. But someone is coming soon who is greater than I am - so much greater that I'm not worthy even to be his slave and carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."

#### **Acts 19:1-7**

While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the interior and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples 2 and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" "No," they answered, "we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." 3 "Into what, then, were you baptized?" Paul asked. "The baptism of John," they replied. 4 Paul explained: "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the One coming after him, that is, in Jesus." 5 On hearing this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. 7 There were about twelve men in all.

### **Things to Know About Being Spirit Filled**

- 1. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is a second work of grace.**
- 2. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is for every believer.**

**Acts 2:39**

“This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away - all who have been called by the Lord our God.”

**3. The evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is a heavenly prayer language.****Acts 10:44-46**

Even as Peter was saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the message. 45 The Jewish believers who came with Peter were amazed that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles, too. 46 For they heard them speaking in other tongues and praising God.

**4. Spirit-filled believers will be used in the gifts of the Spirit.****1 Corinthians 12:7-11**

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8 To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and He distributes them to each one, just as He determines.

**We are instructed as believers to desire spiritual gifts.****1 Corinthians 14:1**

Pursue love and be eager for the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy.