## Hindrances to the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:38-39 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

39 "For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

### Not hungry or seeking - persistence

Acts 2:1-4 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

- 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.
- 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and [one] sat upon each of them.
- 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

## **Mindset**

! Corinthians 2:14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know [them], because they are spiritually discerned.

### <u>Sin</u>

Acts 8:18-23 And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money,

- 19 saying, "Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit."
- 20 But Peter said to him, "Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money!
- 21 "You have neither part nor portion in this matter, for your heart is not right in the sight of God.
- 22 "Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you.
- 23 "For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity."

## Lack of teaching

Acts 19:1-6 And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples

- 2 he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit."
- 3 And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism."
- 4 Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus."
- 5 When they heard [this], they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.
- 6 And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

# Wrong teaching/fear/unbelief

Luke 11:5-13 And He said to them, "Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, `Friend, lend me three loaves;

- 6 'for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him';
- 7 "and he will answer from within and say, `Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you'?
- 8 "I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs.
- So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.
- 10 "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.
- 11 "If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if [he] [asks] for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish?
- 12 "Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?
- 13 "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will [your] heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"
  - ➤ I have heard it It takes 7 good teachings to overcome 1 bad one