

# Independence Day! Freedom & Liberty in Power of the Holy Ghost!

On July 4<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate our nation's independence, but today and everyday you can DECLARE your INDEPENDENCE through the Power of the Holy Ghost!

2 Corinthians 3:12-18... Focus on verse 17

*"Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."*

1. When you hear the words "Holy Ghost" or "Holy Spirit" what do you think of?

2. The first time the Holy Ghost was mentioned: **Read Genesis 1:2**

The Holy Ghost refers to how God \_\_\_\_\_ in the world today.

3. Later, read **Exodus 25**, the whole chapter (and surrounding chapters). **Read verses 20-22 now.**

In the Old Testament, the Spirit of God remained behind a thick \_\_\_\_\_ in the Holy of Holies in the Tabernacle and Temple.

At that time, God interacted with his people through an established set of \_\_\_\_\_, and through special leaders called \_\_\_\_\_. Through animal sacrifices, people's sins weren't \_\_\_\_\_, but they were pushed forward one year.

**Read Leviticus 16:14-16**

**Read Hebrews 9:1-3, 6-9, 11-15, 22 & 10:4, 12-23**

Jesus was the \_\_\_\_\_ of the law.

**4. Read Matthew 27:50-51**

When Jesus died on the cross, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Temple was \_\_\_\_\_ in half, signifying all people had access to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

**3. Read Luke 24:34-40, 44-49...**

**Read Acts 1:1-9.** This is an explanation or repeat of what happened in Luke 24.

They obeyed in **Acts 2:1-4**. This is the first time we see people receiving the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ in the Bible.

**4. Read Acts 2:5-13.**

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The first time people received the Holy Ghost was on the day of \_\_\_\_\_, a Jewish holiday. Today some Spirit-filled believers call themselves Pentecostals because they received the Spirit just like the believers did on that very special day when the Spirit was first poured out.

**5. Read Acts 2:14-18. Read the verses Peter is referring to in Joel 2:28-29 (see also Isaiah 28:11).** Later, in Acts 2:19-36 you can read the rest of Peter's sermon.

The people were so moved by Peter's sermon, they wanted to know what they should do!

### 6. Read Acts 2:38-41

Peter answered their question: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus' Name, and \_\_\_\_\_ the Gift of the Holy Ghost!

**7. Acts 2:39...** Make it personal: "The Promise is unto \_\_\_\_\_!"

The Gift of the Holy Ghost is not just for people who call themselves Pentecostals, it is for everyone!

**8.** The day of receiving the Holy Ghost is a day of independence! When you are filled with the Holy Ghost you have the \_\_\_\_\_ to overcome \_\_\_\_\_ and to be a \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus!

**Read Acts 19:1-6.** Many believers today love the Lord, but they haven't received this gift of the Holy Ghost yet. Are you ready to receive the Holy Ghost? \_\_\_\_\_

**9.** If you want to receive the Holy Ghost, all you have to do is obey the Word of God and ask for this free gift!

**10.** Here are some steps that can help you receive the Holy Ghost:

1. Believe in Jesus – Place your trust in Him
2. Repent of your sin – it's more than saying you are sorry, it's turning away from sin
3. Forgive others who've hurt you – God will forgive your sins when you forgive others (Matthew 6:14)
4. Worship God – Spend time with God, pray and read your Bible. Enter into a time of praise and worship. Play worship music and spend time loving Jesus! Grow close to Him and release control of your life to Him! He will do the rest.

**\*Note:** Receiving the Gift of the Holy Ghost is a powerful experience. You will feel different physically, emotionally and spiritually as the Power of God fills you. You may cry because the Spirit is so strong. Begin to speak out your praise and love to God. Soon your lips and tongue will start to shake under the power of God. You will know you are filled with the Spirit as you start to speak in a Heavenly language by the power of God, just as the book of Acts believers in Acts 2:4.