

Note: The Jews hated the Samaritans and they would have no dealings with them ~~*~~(John 4:9);

- (1) Because they were a mixed race - partly Jewish and partly Gentile
 - (2) Because their religion was a mixture of truth and falsehood
 - (3) Because they had tried to sabotage the rebuilding of Jerusalem's temple and walls ~~*~~(Ezra 4:4,5)
- b. To make possible the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy that the Holy Spirit would be given to all believers regardless of race, i.e. to Jewish believers, Samaritan believers, and Gentile believers ~~*~~(Acts 2:16,17 - note the words "I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh" ~~*~~, 38, 39).
- c. To convince the Jewish believers to receive the Samaritan believers into the church on an equal basis with themselves.

Note: ~~*~~ In the body of Christ which is the church there is no difference between Jewish believers and Samaritan believers; they are all one in Christ.

- d. To convince the Samaritan believers that they were to be part of the church which is the body of Christ.

Note: This is why the Holy Spirit was given to the Samaritan believers by Peter and John laying their hands on them ~~*~~(Acts 8:17).

4. Evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit

It was speaking in tongues ~~*~~(Acts 8:18).

Note: Simon had to have seen something miraculous to make him want to purchase the power to give the Holy Spirit to anyone upon whom he would lay his hands.

D. An examination of the baptism of the Holy Spirit in Acts 10:1-11:18.

1. Occurrence of the baptism ^{with} ~~of~~ the Holy Spirit ~~*~~(Acts 10:44,45)
2. Time of the occurrence of the baptism ^{with} ~~of~~ the Holy Spirit
It occurred at the time of conversion ~~*~~(Acts 10:44,45,47,48; 11:15,17)
3. Reasons for the occurrence of the baptism ^r ~~of~~ ^{with} the Holy Spirit
 - a. To convince the Jewish believers to preach the Gospel to the Gentiles in fulfillment of the Great Commission in Acts 1:8