

This pattern starts in Acts 2:38-41 where three thousand were saved on the Day of Pentecost and received the Holy Spirit at the time of their salvation, and runs through the entire book of Acts except for the three special cases mentioned above. Note the following instances where people were saved and where there is no record of them being baptized with the Holy Spirit after their salvation nor any instruction given them to be baptized with the Holy Spirit after their salvation:

1. The lame man who was healed (Acts 3:7-9)
2. Those converted after the healing of the lame man, when the number of the men came to be about 5000 (Acts 4:4)
3. The many who became believers after the death of Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:14)
4. A great company of priests (Acts 6:7)
5. The Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:36)
6. The many who believed after Dorcas was raised from the dead (Acts 9:42).
7. Those who turned to the Lord in Syrian Antioch (Acts 11:21)
8. The proconsul at Cyprus (Acts 13:12).
9. The believers in Pisidian Antioch (Acts 13:43 and 48)
10. The believers in Iconium (Acts 14:1)
11. The disciples at Derbe (Acts 14:21)
12. Lydia (Acts 16:14)
13. The Philippian jailor (Acts 16:34)
14. The believers in Thessalonica (Acts 17:4)
15. The Bereans (Acts 17:11,12)
16. The Athenians (Acts 17:34)
17. Those at Corinth (Acts 18:4)
18. Crispus and other Corinthians (Acts 18:8)
19. Some of the Jews at Rome (Acts 28:24)

← This then is the pattern that is normative for all believers today in the book of Acts. It should be observed that we base our doctrine on the general teaching of the Word of God and not on its special teaching, and the general teaching of the Word of God is that the Holy Spirit is received at the time of salvation and not afterward (Rom. 8:9; and Gal. 3:2,14),