

Open the Gift

Matthew 7:11

Luke 11:13

- Gift (dorea) denotes something given to someone stressing the gratuitous character it was presented in. It is often is used in the New Testament in a spiritual or supernatural sense.
 - In Matt 7:11 -gift (doma) lends greater strength to the concrete of the gift, than to the its beneficent nature.

- In Acts 2:38 The word gift is expressed in the Holy Spirit Himself. This gift from God is for His children to utilize the power and authority of Jesus Christ in our lives. Acts 1:8
 - Dwell in the Believer Ezk. 36:27, Jn14:17, Rom. 8:9, 1Cor. 3:16
 - Given by Jesus Christ Matt 3:11 Jn 16:7
 - Bears witness to Believers Rom 8:16, Gal. 4:6, 1Jn 5:6

- God is justified in the Holy Spirit to mankind to empower and enrich the believer's life and to prepare and quicken the believer for eternity. 1Timothy 3:16
 - Spirit of Power in the believer's life Luke 24:49, Acts 1:8
 - Spirit of Promise Joel 2:28,
 - Spirit who teaches us Lk 12:12, Jn 14:26, 1Jn 2:27
 - Spirit of Truth who guides us into truth Jn 16:13, Jn 14:17, Jn 15:26
 - Spirit who directs the selection of leadership and the field of operation for the believer to live by (gifts of the Spirit 1Cor 12,14, Eph 4:11) Acts 13:2, Acts16:6
 - Spirit who leads us to obedience to the Father Rom. 8:14
 - Spirit that gives eternal Life Rom. 8:11, 1Pet 3:18, Jn6:63
 - Spirit comforts us Jn 14:16

- We need to open this gift that God has provided from the foundation of creation. For this gift is the promise that Jesus said He would send to those who believe on Him.
 - We receive this gift at our confession of faith. Acts 2:38, 1Jn 4:15
 - Without seeking to open this gift the Holy Spirit is unable to use all power and authority in the believer's life.
 - 1John 5:13- 15 shows us that in cooperation with the Son and with His Cooperation with the Father (Jn 17) that we enable the Holy Spirit to provide all God has for us.

- As the Holy Spirit works with us and we surrender ourselves to His way we discover the Fruit of the Spirit working through us and in us and the LOVE OF god abounding in our life.

Gal 5:22, I Cor 13:4-8