

EVEN THE FREE GIFT OF SALVATION HAS RESTRICTIONS!

Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.

Rev. 22:17b (NIV); see also 21:6.

Some can have it ..

All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.

Blessed are those who wash their robes so they can enter through the gates of the city and eat the fruit from the tree of life.

Rev. 21:7, 14 (NLT)

Some can't ...

But cowards who turn away from me, and unbelievers, and the corrupt, and murderers, and the immoral, and those who practice witchcraft, and idol worshipers, and all liars—their doom is in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur.

This is the second death.

Outside the [eternal] city are the dogs the sorcerers, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idol worshipers, and all who love to live a lie.

Rev. 21:8, 15 (NLT)



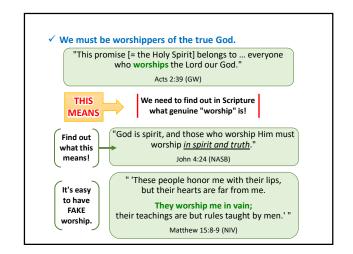
THE <u>SAME</u> AS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR RECEIVING THE GIFT OF SALVATION!

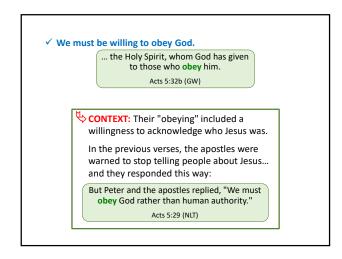
√ We must be willing to "hear" (accept as true) the Good News.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit came to everyone who heard* his message.

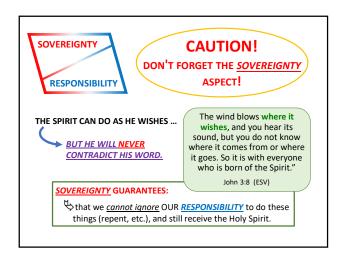
Acts 10:44 (GW)

* According to v. 33, <u>all</u> who were present were ready to accept what Peter said as being true – i.e., from God. They <u>all</u> had the right type of "hearing." See also Romans 10:17.











OUR WILLINGNESS TO OBEY GOD,

ENABLES GOD'S OUTPOURING OF THE SPIRIT!

This is illustrated in Acts 4,
when the religious leaders tried to stop the apostles
from sharing of the Good News.

BACKGROUND SITUATION:
God told the apostles to tell others about the Good News...
but the religious leaders told them to be quiet!

HOW DO YOU THINK THEY RESPONDED?

HINT: They did not pray, "Give us the Holy Spirit"!
They already had the Spirit!

THEIR RESPONSE (when the leaders tried to silence them) ...

✓ They did not fear or obey the leaders (and become silent).

✓ INSTEAD, THE ENTIRE GROUP PRAYED ...

① They acknowledged God's sovereign control over the matter. (Plus human responsibility.)

Then all the believers were united as they lifted their voices in prayer: "O Sovereign Lord, ..."

Acts 4:24a (NLT)

Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate ... did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen.

Acts 4:27a, 28 (NIV)

And based on this fact...



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