

## “PASSAGES THAT DEFINE WORDS AND IDEAS III”

The past two weeks have been involved in dealing with different passages and ideas, and we shall continue with this thought this week. Our prayer and hope is that you begin to look for such passages as you study the word of God.

**Acts 2:38 – Acts 3:19:** *“38 ... Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit,” Acts 2:38. “19 Repent ye therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that so there may come seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord,” Acts 3:19.* These two passages should be put one above the other and notice that the repentance is the same; baptism and the turning point are the same; the gift of the Holy Spirit and seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord are the same; the remission of sins and the sins blotted out are the same. These two passages are teaching the same thing. So, we have help in what is meant by the **gift** of the Holy Spirit, and the expression *“seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.”* I understand the *“gift of the Holy Spirit”* and *“seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord,”* are the same. This last expression is expressing all that is had as a result of obeying the Gospel - this has to do with all the **attendant** blessings that are a part of being a Christian. To name some of them would be to list: *“all spiritual blessings in Christ,”* Eph. 1:3; *“sons of God,”* I Jno. 3:1-2; we can cry *“abba Father,”* Rom. 8:15; *“Father and son relationship,”* Matt. 6:9; *“good and perfect gifts from above,”* Jas. 1:17, etc. This is a part of all the good things received from above. I am sure you can add to this list, this list is not exhaustive; **but rather, a sample.** From this one passage there is another passage shedding light upon the first.

**Rev. 12, and chapter 13.** The Devil is presented in Rev. 12:9. With the Devil are some helpers, the beast that came up out of the sea, Rev. 13:1. Also, one will find a beast that comes up out of the earth, Rev. 13:11. As we continue to read we come to **Rev. 16:13**, *“13 And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.”* In the latter part of verse 13 the beast that came out of the earth is changed to **“the false prophet.”** All that is said about false teachers and false prophets are to be associated with the Devil. The warning in I Jno. 4:1, is a major warning: *“1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but prove the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world.”* All false teachers and false prophets are of the Devil and will be lost: *“10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where are also the beast and the false prophet; and they shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever,”* Rev. 20:10. All those who belong to the Devil will also be cast into the lake of fire, Rev. 21:8.

I trust these articles will encourage you to look for passages that explain other passages and understand the message God is sending to his people.

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