- I. Seven steps of faith to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. (Not all of these "steps" are always necessary)
 - This will help you in leading someone into the baptism of the Holy Spirit.
 - A. .Get saved: (accept Christ as your personal savior)
 - 1. John 7:39 But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive...
 - 2. Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
 - B. Obey God (strive to live in obedience to God)
 - 1. Acts 5:32 ... Holy Spirit whom God hath given to them that obey Him.
 - a. This does <u>not</u> mean one needs to be perfect to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit.
 - C. Ask God for the baptism with the Spirit
 - 1. Luke 11:13...how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?
 - 2. Zech 10:1 Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain; so the LORD shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.
 - 3. James 4:2 ... yet ye have not, because ye ask not.
 - D. Hunger and thirst.
 - 1. Matt 5:6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
 - 2. Ps 107:9 For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.
 - 3. Isa 44:3 For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty...
 - E. Believe God.
 - 1. Gal 3:2 ... Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?
 - 2. Matt 21:22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.
 - F. Receive anointed preaching and teaching.
 - 1. Acts 10:44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.
 - 2. Rom 10:17 ...so then faith cometh by hearing and hearing and hearing by the word of God.
 - G. Receive laying on of hands.
 - 1. Acts 8:17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.
 - 2. Acts 19:6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them...

I. Promises of the baptism / indwelling of the Holy Spirit spoken before Pentecost.

A. Old Testament:

- Isa 28:11-12 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.
 To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear. (Cp 1 Cor 14:21) ("They would not hear" shows the rejection of the Bapt. of the Holy Ghost with speaking in tongues by many).
- 2. Joel 2:28-29 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: 29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. (With Acts 2:16 ... this is that...)
- 3. Zech 10:1 Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain...
- 4. Isa 44:3 For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring:
 - a. (With) John 7:37-39 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. 38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. 39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)
 - b. "Thy seed" Cp Acts 2:39 the promise is unto your children... (and Acts2:17 sons & daughters)
- 5. Ps 55:6 And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest.
 - a. With Mark 1:10 ... and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him.
- 6. Isa 41:17-18 When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the LORD will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them. 18 I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water. (With Jn 7:37-39)

B. John Baptist

- 1. John 1:33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.
- 2. Matt 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, & with fire:

C. Jesus Christ:

- 1. John 7:37-39
- 2. Luke 11:13...how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?
- 3. Jn 14:16-17 & 26
- 4. Jn 15:26-27
- 5. Jn 16:7-15
- 6. Luke 24:39
- 7. Acts 1:8