**Question:** When did Paul receive the Holy Ghost, when he was baptized?

**Answer:**Acts 9:17 "The Lord, even Jesus, who appeared to thee on the way, has sent me that thou mightest receive thy sight and be filled with the Holy spirit."

Some have argued that Paul received the baptism of the Holy Ghost when he was baptized, because of this statement. I do not believe that conclusion is justified. Since Philip could not impart the Holy Spirit to the Samaritans, I see no reason to assume Ananias could. The statement made by Ananias was one of simple futurity, a statement of fact, not of time. Being an apostle of Christ, Saul was later baptized in the Holy Spirit. The exact time when this happened, however, is not on record. The thing he had to do to be saved was "arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins" Acts 22:16. Water baptism forgave his sins, but did not impart the miraculous powers of the Spirit. Holy Spirit baptism was from God, not man. It was received direct from heaven and not by the impartation of hands. As an apostle, Paul was not a "whit behind them all" so he did receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, we just do not know where or when, because inspiration did not reveal it.

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