

SAMARIA II

The second blessing or second experience dilemma. If you are saved, do you not also have the Holy Spirit? Why did the apostles need to pray for these new disciples?

Received here means accepted, believed.

Acts 8:14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:

Apostles they in city Jerusalem, they heard WHAT? People in Samaria they Word of God accept. Apostles decide he Peter and he John send to Samaria.

Apparently, the apostles acted as a group and not as a hierarchy from the beginning.

Why pray for what you already have?

15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

Those two go down Samaria pray for people, WHY? People might Holy Spirit receive.

There is an interesting situation that the infinite God puts finite creatures in: mutual dependence. God could have made a world where we did not need each other, but He did not. There are many things we cannot have without the aid of others. We virtually depend on one another's prayers. The Samaritans could not have something unless the Apostles prayed. That does not sound like salvation, because whoever shall call on the name the Lord will be saved. **(Luke 11:13)**

Only baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

Why? People of Samaria no one Holy Spirit receive, not yet. Only water baptize in name of the Lord Jesus.

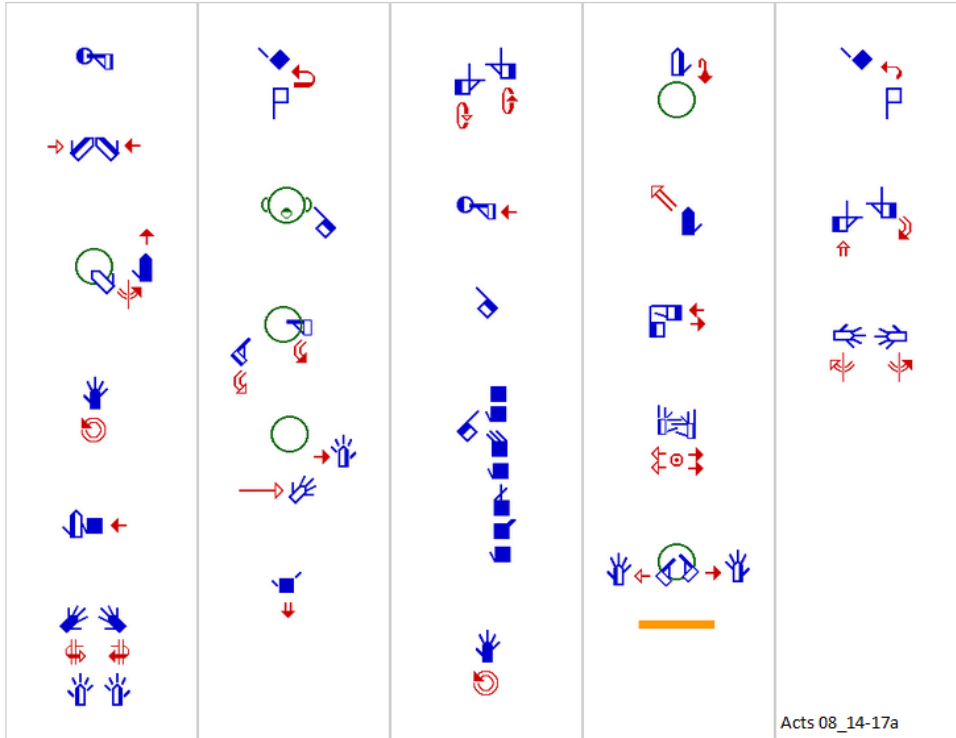
This verse is the inspiration for many non-pentecostal mental "gymnastics." It causes a contradiction in some church's doctrines. Some commentators believe this was to confirm to Jewish believers that these new converts were full Christians, although no such thing is said in text. Another question is how did the apostles know the Samaritans needed to receive the Holy Spirit? Wouldn't it had been easier just to teach everyone that at salvation, or at baptism every disciple received the Holy Spirit?

How did the apostles know who received the Holy Spirit and who hadn't?

17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

So, Peter and John people hands-on, hands-on people, then Holy Spirit receive finish.

Did Peter and John ask people if they felt different, or had God given the people some sort of sign to indicate they were baptized in the Holy Spirit? Why wasn't water baptism sufficient? Why the second contingent of preachers? How about yourself? Have you been saved, baptized, and filled with the Holy Spirit? These can all happen simultaneously or incrementally.

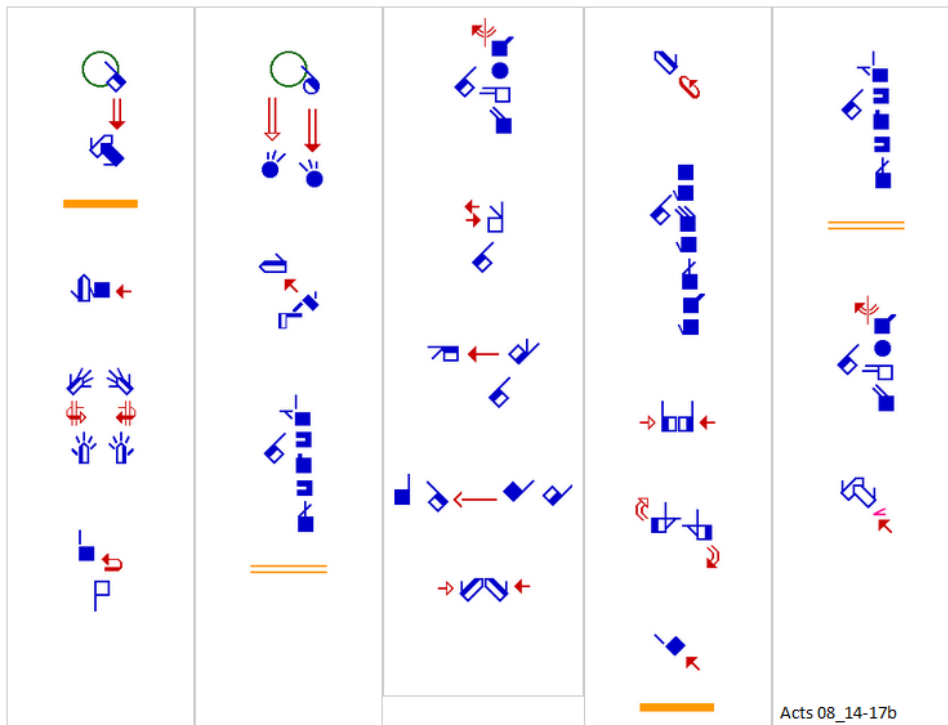


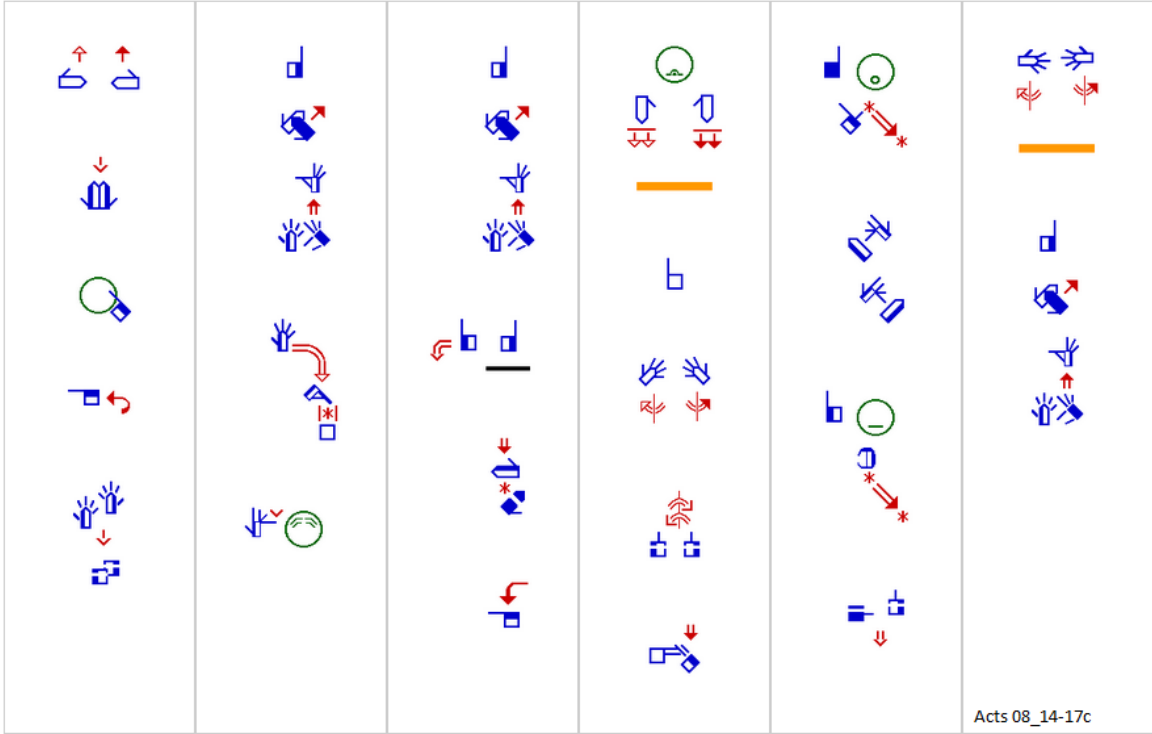
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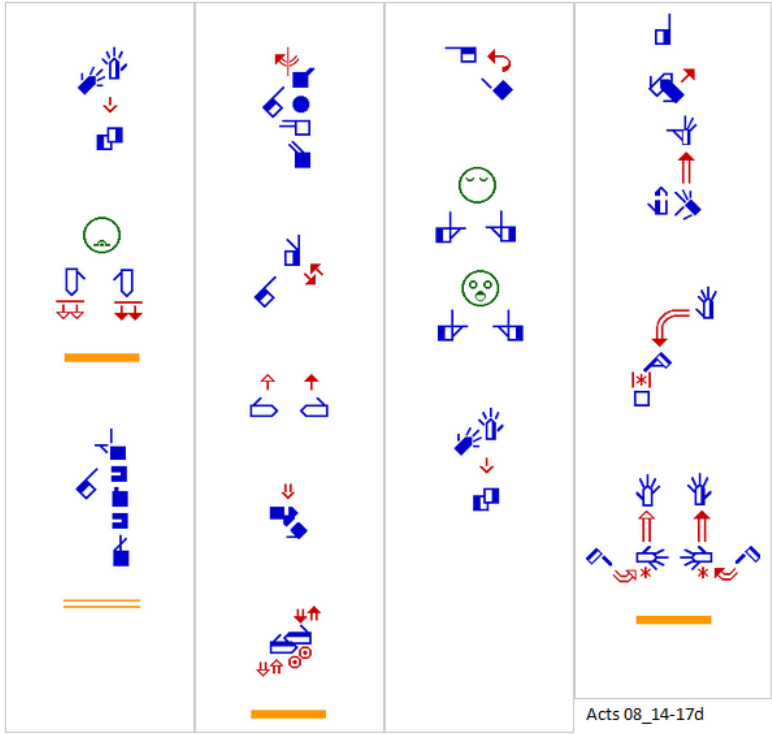
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