"YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD OBTAIN THE GIFT OF GOD WITH MONEY"

ACTS 8:9-25

New Covenant salvation and the indwelling of the Spirit are synonymous and simultaneous;

ROMANS 8:9

...Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

EPHESIANS 1:13-14

...when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it...

The church will always be infiltrated with counterfeits;

MATTHEW 13:24-29

...The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also...So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them.

Simon comes close to salvation, but remains lost;

ACTS 26:28

And Agrippa said to Paul, "In a short time would you persuade me to be a Christian?"

The power of God cannot be bought;

ROMANS 2:11

For God shows no partiality.

Each Christian is responsible for his own spiritual growth;

1 THESSALONIANS 4:3

For this is the will of God, your sanctification...