

### Would you like to hear the Good News?

God still loves you. He never stopped loving you. He loved you so much that He sent His Son Jesus to bring you back. All you have to do is let Him bring you back. Will you pray with me?

*"Lord Jesus... I want to stop trusting in myself...and what I can do...and start trusting in you...and what you have already done...when you died for me on the cross. I know that! am a sinner...and I am sorry for my sins. I ask you to forgive me...I believe you rose again...and I invite you to come and live inside of me. I want you to be my Savior and Lord...which means being #1 in my life. I want to repent and turn away...from everything you and the Bible call sin...and I totally commit myself... to obeying you...every day, for the rest of my life. Lord Jesus baptize me in your precious Holy Spirit. Thank you Jesus."*

Now that you have made peace with God, He is ready for you to begin to grow in a personal relationship with Him.

### Receiving More of Jesus? "The Baptism in the Holy Spirit"

Who is the Holy Spirit? He is God. You might ask, "If the Holy Spirit is God, and Jesus is God, and the Heavenly Father is God, are there three Gods?" No. There is only one God as stated earlier. But God is unified as One and exists in the three Persons of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This threefold nature of God is exhibited even in creation. Humans have a body, a mind, and an eternal spirit. Our mind is not our body. Our spirit is not our mind. Are we then three people? No. We are just one person with three manifestations.

After we receive eternal life through confessing Jesus as Lord and Savior, we can also receive what the Bible calls the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The purpose of this Baptism is to be anointed like Jesus and do the works that He did. Through this Baptism we receive the power of God, the supernatural fruit of the Holy Spirit, and the supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, long-suffering, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). We receive these supernatural capabilities in our lives when we receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Some of the gifts of the Holy Spirit are listed in 1 Corinthians 12. Through the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, God distributes these great gifts to each one individually as He wills for each situation (1 Corinthians 12:8-11).

### Would you like to receive this great gift?

Yes No

Throughout the New Testament, the Bible shows the manifestations of the gifts after receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Initially the gift of utterance, a language not previously known to the person is received, or interpretation of tongues, or prophesy. The gifts of power are faith, healings, or miracles. The gifts of revelation are also available: word of knowledge, word of wisdom, or discernment of spirits, or any combinations of these gifts. The Holy Spirit will manifest His presence differently at different times depending on which gift or gifts are needed at that time.

### Do you believe these things?

Yes No

The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is received by faith just as salvation is received. Pray the following prayer or one similar to it.

*Dear Heavenly Father. I believe You are the source of all love and power. I ask right now for the gift of the Holy Spirit. I have faith in You, and that You will give me this great gift. Because I have asked, I believe I have now received the Power of God, the fruit of the Holy Spirit, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit in my life. I have received all these wonderful gifts by faith. I also ask that You will show me how to use these gifts for Your glory by Christ Jesus. I pray now thanking you in the name of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen. Luke 11:13*

### Do you believe you have received these great gifts?

Yes No

You have received these gifts. You should begin to use these gifts now that God has given you



# Hearing His Voice

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"They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony." Revelations 12:11

## Set Free From the Mafia



**Bob Bassler**

My name is Bob Bassler, and I was a born-again Christian who fell into sin. I was the Chapter President of the Indiana Full Gospel Business Men's Association for five years. I worked with Dr. Lester Sumrall in his South Bend, Indiana, headquarters, where people came from all over the world to be set free from demonic oppression.

I started getting careless with my relationship with God. As with all neglected relationships, it began to weaken me. I started smoking. Soon after, bad associations and soul-ties developed.

Satan knows the areas of our weaknesses. He knew that I had developed soul-ties at the age of twelve with a young friend whose father was at the top echelon of the Mafia in Detroit. I had a fascination with the underworld, and Satan used this to get me caught up with the Mexican Mafia. In addition, and because of my associations, a cocaine habit formed. I was selling up to 2 1/2 keys per week. One key is 36oz, and one ounce sells for anywhere between \$1,600 to \$2,000. I was deeply in trouble! The Scriptures say, "Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows" – Galatians 6:7. I was sowing and I was reaping corruption. Praise the Lord that no one can hide from Him, and He is a merciful God. I got caught – God saw to that.

The police put out a "sting operation" on me. On the day of my

arrest, I was enjoying what could have been my last meal as a free man for 150 years. As I was leaving the restaurant, I sensed that something was wrong. Suddenly, I was approached by a man I did not recognize, and I was asked to go to his car. From the trunk of his car, the man pulled out a zippered bag that had \$25,000 in it. He asked me if he could buy a key of cocaine. Of course, he could! When he paid me \$3,100 for two ounces, suddenly something came to me. I knew that all was not as it appeared. Something was terribly wrong! What I didn't know was that something was very right. God was at work. I knew at that moment, what was about to happen that would change my life completely. I decided to hit the back roads because I had nineteen 8 balls of pure cocaine and about \$5,300 in my glove box, plus a loaded revolver. When I cut through a bank parking lot, there was a brown Bronco waiting for me and a 9mm gun pointing in my direction. There were no markings on the Bronco, and nobody identified themselves as cops, so I thought it was a contract out to kill me. I quickly threw my vehicle in reverse only to find that I was surrounded by cars. Then I saw their badges.

There were nine cops and one of me. I was caught. All I could say was, "You got me!" as I surrendered. What else could I do? I knew that it was God. God was having me arrested.

The cops scuffled with me, put me on my knees on the sharp stones and cuffed me. It was over. After five overdoses, (the sixth could have been the fatal one). At that time I almost killed three people over a cocaine deal. There was no doubt, God stepped in and said "Enough!"

I was thankful then and am thankful today that God cared enough for me to have me arrested. To rescue me from a life style that was not only hurting me, but also those close to me. I had a praying wife. The power of a praying spouse can never be overrated. Georgia, my wife, prayed for me. People told her that she had Biblical reasons to leave me, but she didn't. She had faith and great tenacity.

I was escorted to jail facing 150 years with seven Class A felony charges. When I was placed in my cell, there was a freshly painted sign that read, "Jesus loves Ya!" I knew that message was for me. I knew that God's love had arrested and rescued me. God's love is full of mercy.

The cops are not "pigs!" These are the tools that God uses to rescue those who have lost their way and to save lives.

It took time for me to rid of my cocaine-saturated body and to be set free from the wild living. I had been empowered by the devil and was well known as a man of power in all the strip joints, on the streets, and in the underworld. God had to free me from sins. The devil was holding me for ransom, but the Lord paid the price and redeemed me.

My ministry began in prison. God gave me the only unsupervised job, working nights in the greenhouse with all the beautiful flowers and plants. This job enabled me to spend quality time with the Lord. In turn, I was also able to witness and lead many to Christ. I started a church the prison.

Because of my exemplary behavior and conduct in prison, I was given a letter of commendation from the State, honoring my character. The favor of God was with me and I ended up serving only 2 1/2 years instead of the 150 years that I was originally facing. I was also to serve seven years in Texas. But because of this letter of commendation along with a TV program, I had done with the Supervisor of the Prison; I was not required to serve the additional seven years. That was the work of God!

God told me that He had a ministry for me back in Indiana.

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- To reach men everywhere for Jesus Christ with the same social, cultural or business interests.
- To call men to God: to help men become born again, baptized in the Holy Spirit, operate in the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- To mentor young men who have never had a positive male role model by being a spiritual father to them.
- To provide a basis of fellowship among all men everywhere, regardless of church affiliation.
- To bring about a greater measure of unity and harmony in the Body of Christ.
- To train and equip men to succeed in the business world.

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