

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 I 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, 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.



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I Saw a Bright Light



Edward Brown

They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony

Revelation 12:11

My name is Edward Brown, and I work as a Reserve Police Officer for the Commerce Police Department. I was born at John Peterson Smith Hospital in Fort Worth. My family moved to Lubbock, Texas, when I was three years old. My dad worked for the city of Lubbock for fifteen years. He was always working to provide for his family. One day our family car wasn't working, and Dad walked four blocks to catch the city bus. This proved to be a very dark day in my life as Dad died of

a heart attack at the bus stop in 1986. Little did I realize that I inherited my Dad's heart problems?

Our family attended a Baptist church while I was attending elementary school, but during middle and high school we dropped out of church. In high school, I wanted to be a fireman, but fear of heights changed my goals. I was good at football, and I was recruited by many colleges. At age twenty-two, I wanted to go into law enforcement. I worked as a guard at Hunt County Jail for Sheriff Don Anderson until I was thirty-four years old. At thirty three, I felt the need to seek a law enforcement degree at Kilgore Community College in 2003. At the age of thirty-five, I graduated, and was offered a job by Captain Kerry Crews in Commerce. I have been married for twenty-nine years and we have two children, Latrisha 25, and Jamal 26.

My health became a real issue in 2005. It started with a blood clot

behind my knee. I went to the hospital and they transferred me to Mother Francis Hospital in Tyler. I didn't know what was happening because at the same time I had an aortic dissection. The doctors came out and told my wife what was happening. She said, "Do whatever it takes to save him." She told them I was a fighter and wanted to live because I still had children to raise. She said, "I was the backbone of the family, and that she couldn't lose me."

The doctor said that surgery would be a risky, but my wife pleaded to please save him. I was in surgery for over thirteen hours. The doctors finally came out and told my family that I was stable, but it didn't look good. The doctor told my wife that I died three times during the surgery. On the third time, I saw a bright light, and I felt that God was not through with me. The doctors said that my wife needed to make arrangements and be prepared for the worse. After two days, I was still asleep. The doctor told my wife that I had a stroke during surgery and needed kidney dialysis. My wife continued to plea for my life while I finished my first week of dialysis.

With a minimal improvement after two weeks, the doctor told my wife that I may never wake up and to think about letting me go. My wife is a stubborn woman and refused to even entertain that idea. She had faith and knew that I would pull through. At the end of two weeks, I woke up. I spent a total of two months in Mother Francis Hospital. They transferred me down the street to Rehab for occupational speech and therapy. I had to learn to talk, walk, and do everything all over again. I was in rehab one month before going home. My wife and children had to help me do everything. We all worked together and stuck together like glue.

After one week at home, I went into a diabetic coma – my sugar bottomed out at 41. My wife called 911 and she took me to the Commerce Hospital where they stabilized me and care-flighted me to Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas. I stayed there a week until they got my sugar under control, and they put in a pacemaker and two defibrillators. When I was stabilized, I went home. My cardiologist felt that I needed a heart transplant, and had made arrangements at a hospital in Galveston. Before they finished the tests, they said my heart was working at 75% and that I didn't qualify for a transplant.

On May 7, 2016, I was the Commerce Police Officer on duty at the Cinco de Mayo event at Eddie Moore Park. I stopped by the Godmobile and took the "Are You Going to Heaven – Two Question Test." I rededicated my life to Jesus Christ. My desire is to serve Jesus

Christ in the marketplace by interacting with the citizens of Commerce by building relationships and trust in the community. I feel called to mentor youth. The media gives a poor image of the police, who are told to fear us. We can change that fear by sharing the love of Jesus Christ. I am happy to be alive and be with our first and only granddaughter, Renessmee.

OUR VISION is based on a vision that God gave to a businessman- a dairy farmer. In that vision, he saw hundreds of despondent men who felt they had no chance of making it in the world. Then they heard a message of hope and they came alive! Their heads held high; they were transformed into productive men with dignity and purpose.

GOD'S PURPOSE FOR OUR FELLOWSHIP

- 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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