## 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...everyday, 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"

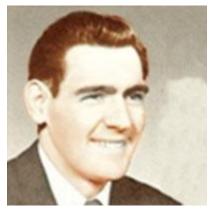
- 1. Did you know that God has a good gift for you the Holy Spirit?
- 2. Would you like to ask God to receive the Holy Spirit Luke 11:13?
- 3. Do you believe the Bible is the Word of God?
- 4. Have you heard of the Trinity Father. Son and Holy Spirit and that all are in agreement with the Baptism of the Holy Spirit? The Father is the One Who Promised - Acts 1:8. Jesus is the One Who Baptizes us in the Holy Spirit - Luke 3:16. The Holy Spirit is the One who gives us the utterance or the words and that this is the "initial sign" of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit - Acts 2:4.
- 5. Do you believe that the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is speaking in tongues? Acts 10:44-46, Acts 19:2-6
- 6. Would you like to know why the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is important?
  - a. Receive the ability or power of the Holy Spirit Acts 1:8
  - b. Build up your most holy faith Jude 1:20
  - c. Edify yourself (give yourself a spiritual battery charge) 1 Cor. 14:4
  - d. Speak mysteries to God 1 Corinthians 14:2
  - e. When you don't know how to pray, the Holy Spirit will pray through you the perfect will of God. (When you pray in other tongues) -Romans 8:26-28
- 7. How is "Salvation" different than the "Baptism in the Holy Spirit?" Answer: Jesus described the born again experience as a "fountain of water springing up into everlasting life - John 4:14. Salvation is to benefit the believer. When we are born again the Holy Spirit enters our spirit and assures us of eternal life with God. Jesus describes the Baptism in the Holy Spirit as "rivers of living water flowing out of the heart - John 7:38-39." The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is to benefit those for whom we minister. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit provides us the power that flows out of our spirit to meet the needs of others.
- 8. The disciples were in the upper room on the Day of Pentecost and when they were in one accord in one place "they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance - Acts 2:4. Who spoke in other tongues?
- 9. Do you believe that words are made up of syllables?
- 10. Will you confess that you have received the Holy Spirit, before you speak in tongues?
- 11. By faith speak in syllables, and allow the Holy Spirit to have your tongue, to form syllables into a new language or tongue. The Holy Spirit will flow from your heart.
- 12. Pray for a minute in tongues and stop. The prophet controls his own spirit or his own tongue - 1 Corinthians 14:32.
- 13. Continue to pray in tongues and worship the Lord.



## The Increase

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

Revelation 12:11



Ernie Tavilla

There were ten children in our family. I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior at a small tent meeting twentyfive years ago, and received the baptism of the Holy Spirit with speaking in tongues at sixteen years old. It was a tremendous experience, and for the next couple of years I lived off of it.

It was necessary for me to guit school at an early age. Mom was called home to be with the Lord, and we boys had to go to

work to help care for the large family. Thus it was that while still young all of the brothers went into the business my father had started quite a few years before. Today there are seven brothers together in the wholesale food and produce business. God has blessed us "in basket and in store" and we thank Him for it.

About seven years ago my brother Joe, who is next older than I, was in California attending a Youth for Christ meeting. Somehow he came into possession of a copy of VOICE magazine. As he thumbed through the pages he learned for the first time about the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship. He noticed that at that particular time there was a convention going on in Phoenix, Arizona.

The Holy Spirit began dealing with Joe. He was all set to fly back to Chicago, but suddenly decided to go to the FGBMF Phoenix convention. Some friends who knew about the Fellowship offered to take Joe to Phoenix by car and he could fly on home from there.

One day shortly thereafter Joe and I got to talking as we worked together. He said, "Ernie, you simply must go to an FGBMFI convention. There is one in Washington next month."

Now Joe and Pauline were young and had only one child, and it was easier for them to travel around. "It is different with me," I told him, "We have four kids and Jeanne is expecting again. We can't go away."

However, God knew better than we. He opened the doors and we went. What a time it was! When God begins to move nothing stands in His way. Right there and then He began to mold things together in a way that has been unbelievable.

Still, I had a chip on my shoulder. What was I doing down there anyway? I was filled with the Holy Spirit years ago and spoke in tongues.

But suddenly something within me said: "Yes, Ernie, you were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues, but the difference between you and these people is that they are doing something for Jesus Christ and you are not."

At first, as I sat there in Washington and heard those men give their testimonies, I thought to myself that this might be all right in Texas, or Georgia, or California and a few other places, but not in New England, so steeped in tradition—religiously, socially, and many other ways. We were wrong! This fact became evident when we finally determined to start a chapter in Boston. In our fondest dreams we could not have pictured the wonderful things that have happened since that decision was made.

I won't try to name all of the dedicated men God used to establish and minister to our chapter, but He has really blessed, having the right men in the right place at the right time. Everything has been exciting, especially the new open doors to the fellowship with the Roman Catholics. God has been moving mightily among the Roman Catholics throughout the country and this move finally reached staid New England— and what a response there was!

God has been so good to us, and we are expecting even greater things in the future.

To read Ernie's full testimony and find more businessmen stories, please visit http://FGBT.org

OUR VISION FROM GOD was given to our founder Demos Shakarian, a dairyman. In the vision he saw men who looked spiritually dead standing shoulder to shoulder across the globe; they heard and received the message of hope, and were spiritually resurrected from the dead, filled with God's Holy Spirit, with radiant faces and hands lifted toward heaven praising God.

## 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 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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