

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.



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Hearing His Voice

Overcoming Limitations

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

Revelation 12:11



Jesse Craddock

Like many adult learners, I experienced embarrassment and frustration as I struggled with functional illiteracy. When I was three years old, I was involved in a terrible automobile accident that left my face scarred. When I was seven, another automobile accident killed my mother and left physical scars. I also lost the hearing in my left ear from these accidents.

The house in which I lived had a dirt floor, but my grandmother Mary swept it and kept a neat home. She was a praying woman. I remember us being out of food and she called me over to pray with her and ask God to supply our need. As we prayed, I sensed the power of God. The next day a check came in the mail from my father for twenty dollars. We were able to buy the food we needed. This made a lasting impression on me.

My first experiences in school were very traumatic. The loss of hearing made it difficult to hear what was being said in the classroom. I am sure the teachers just thought I had mental problems and did not know how to help me. In those days there were no special education classes or help for the disabled. So, each year I was promoted to the next grade but without the skills I needed to do the work.

Finally, a teacher in the seventh grade refused to just pass me and gave me a failing grade. At that point I quit school and went to work. I had completed the sixth grade, but still could not read. By this time in my life I was becoming bitter at the world. When my girlfriend Shirley turned sixteen, she

was allowed to date. We were married before the year was out and soon Jesse, Jr. was born. He was born two days after my sixteenth birthday.

When I was 18, a friend of mine, Harvey Rogers, approached me about working with him at Kitty Clover Snack Food Company. But I felt I was not qualified to work there and probably could not do the work required due to my illiteracy. He gave me some advice that day that has helped me throughout my life, "Jesse, you can do anything you want to do if you really want to do it."

Most of the salesmen lived in nice homes and were drinkers. I am not proud of the fact that I joined them in this lifestyle. I took an extra job at a convenience store on the weekends for awhile so I could do my drinking and still have enough to pay the bills. My lifestyle certainly did not have a place for God or church.

Shirley began attending church and would invite me to go with her. I would make excuses but I was beginning to hope God might make a difference in my life. Finally, I consented to attend a revival service with Shirley at a small church. As the preacher preached that Sunday morning, I became sick in my heart of the life I was living. When the sermon was over, all I could think about was getting to the altar so I could cry out to God for help.

I was not sure God could forgive me for all the wrongs I had done or the terrible pain I had caused others. God reached down His hand for me! I was different. Suddenly life was beautiful and I knew I was connected to God. I had a love in my heart for Shirley that probably had never really been there before.

In 1982, I attended my first Full Gospel Business Men's retreat. In one of my prayer times at the retreat, God seemed to be asking me if I would be a preacher of the Gospel. My heart was so full of love for God and what He had done for me; I wanted to say "Yes." However, I felt like being a preacher was far about my ability.

My desire to read became a driving force in my life. Mrs. Cindy Broadway became my first tutor. She was diligent and persistent in keeping me on track with the instruction. In 1990, it was suggested that I attend a university. I finally agreed to do this. As I left the administration building that day, I remember looking up to heaven and thinking, "What have I

agreed to do?" How could I even think about getting a college degree when I couldn't get past the seventh grade? Suddenly, God spoke to me. "This is My work." He said, "You could not have gotten into this college or any other college if it had not been for Me." God's words ignited my faith. If God thought I could do it, then I believed I could too!

Receiving my Bachelor of Arts degree was a high pinnacle in my life. I felt I had conquered the world. I continued on my quest towards a doctorate. I took one semester at a time. With help from friends to pay the final bill, I walked across the platform one more time, with an earned doctorate degree. Nothing is impossible to you if you will begin to believe!

Dr. Jesse and Shirley Craddock founded Maranatha Ministries, which serves over 50,000 meals per year.

OUR VISION FROM GOD: Men who are spiritually dead are standing shoulder to shoulder across the globe; hear and receive the message of hope, and are 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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