

## 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

## Changing My Ways

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

**Revelation 12:11**



Josh Simmons

I guess I really noticed the void in my life when I was nine years old and I lost my dad. I didn't become a rebellious little kid. I stayed good and I put my dad's death behind me. I did try to fill that void with father figures, but I never could. I made it all the way to my senior year in high school without a true father figure. I decided I was going to try to fill up this void in a different way. I decided I was going to party.

Things did not go as I expected. I ended up drinking for the first time and getting really messed up. That was the start of journey I never thought I would end up taking. I started drinking more and partying more. I started doing what was right on the weekdays and then doing the opposite on the weekends. That's how it went for most of my senior year. I would quit for a little bit then start right back up.

I got to a point where I was asking God for help, but I was not listening because I didn't want to change. I still wanted to have fun. One of the big changing points in my life was prom night. After the prom was over I decided I was going to go to party and have fun one last time. I said, "God I'm sorry but I'm going to do this one last time before I quit." Man I can only imagine what God was thinking when I said that. "You want quit? Oh I'll help you quit." It was a pretty famous activity in Greenville because the Hunt County Sheriff's Department ended

"God I'm sorry but I'm going to do this one last time before I quit."

up arresting over 40 kids and gave out about 200 tickets. There I was at the after party having a good ole' time and at 3:00 in the morning there was a flashlight in my face. My heart sunk in my chest and I knew I had to make a change. I ended up getting a ticket that night and I didn't know what to do. That next Wednesday I went to my youth pastor and told him what I did and asked him for help. I joined a friend for a preview weekend at the Honor Academy, and when I did, God opened my eyes. Into the first three minutes of listening to the first guy talk I realized I didn't want anything except God. From that point on I was reborn. I really understood that God was it for me. I was on fire for Him and for everything that He could do. The void that I always had was finally filled. I had wanted a father and now I had one. I had a heavenly Father that would never leave me and that would never hate me. That would always love me and that would hold me close in His arms no matter what I did wrong.

I had people come up to me and tell me that they could see I was glowing. I didn't even know what this meant. It was God's presence shining through me. I was on fire for God. He knew I was ready for something that I didn't think I was ready for. He sent me back into the parties. There were points where I was going to hang out with them and I'm in tears just arguing with God. I was telling God, "I don't want to be here. I don't want to be in these situations." And God calmly said, "You are supposed to be here. This is where I want you." My friends were looking for someone to show them love and compassion. God wanted to teach this to me. He also wanted to teach me that it wasn't going to be easy serving Him. Those friends are now out of those situations that were hurting them. I was given an opportunity to help them.

I started going to church more than ever after I was saved, but it was a lot different going to youth group now. I used to party with half of them, and I knew that they were not really walking with God. I developed a passion for the youth group and wanted to guide them back to God. They just needed to see an example from someone closer to their age. There was a point at church camp where we were at Bible study and God just came down and made His presence known. He put tears into everyone's eyes. God lead me into His presence, and I ended up breaking down. I said, "I'm sorry God for ever doubting you. I see where you are leading me. I see what you want me to do." I ended up going to Texas A&M-Commerce and joining up with Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship. God is teaching what I need to know to become a youth pastor. God has lead me to meet people from all different walks of

life and from different countries that have accepted Christ as their Savior. He has also let me struggle to show me that it is not always going to be easy. I thank God for taking me, for caring for me, and for showing me that I do have a heavenly Father who can lead me.

I volunteered to work in the Godmobile at the Bois D'Arc Bash and my passion for sharing the Gospel increased with each person I shared with. The following week at a Bible study I received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. I now have the power to witness.



Matthew, Josh, and Garret  
at Greenville FGBMFA luncheon

**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.**

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#### **GOD'S PURPOSE FOR OUR FELLOWSHIP**

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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 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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