

## 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

## Purpose in Life

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

**Revelation 12:11**



Kent Manton

My name is Kent Manton and I am trained to protect people and property. I served our country for six years in the United States Marine Corps.

I would like to tell you my story.

When I was seven years old, my parents got a divorce. I felt sick. My father had been unfaithful to my mother. I was in the third grade when I started to have questions about the meaning of life. My heart hardened, and while I did not receive any answers to these questions, I continued living for the moment.

Around thirteen I started searching for my purpose in life. I learned about this new sport called aggressive roller blading from a movie. I started hanging around another local skater by the name of Chris Burge. I could see he was different than most skaters and even most people. He was positive, he didn't slander other people, and his life had purpose. His heart was filled with something mine was missing. I didn't know it at the time, but he was different because he was a Christian. I had heard the gospel growing up, but it didn't resonate on my heart. Chris shared with me about Jesus, and this was the first time someone intentionally spoke to me about God as an adult. I began to contemplate the things he had shown me. Afterward, I continued to live out the same lifestyle apart from God.

One night I was partying on the weekend as I often did. I had taken two pills of ecstasy while hanging out with some friends. At the end of the night we were smoking by the city reservoirs and one of the kids began to talk about God. The thoughts consumed my mind well into the next day.

In the afternoon of the following day I was helping my aunt prepare a flower bed for spring annuals. With the conversations of the past months and the previous night still on my mind the Lord changed my life forever. He had been preparing me to receive salvation and His Holy Spirit. In an instance, Jesus had consumed my mind, body, and spirit. I fell to my knees knowing I was in the presence of holiness. Tears poured from my face as God showed me that He was indeed real, and that He was the creator of all the Earth. The trees, the soil, all the complexities of the world that seemed to work in perfect unison. It made sense in my mind for the first time! Like Chris, I too had a purpose in life. I gave the Lord control of my life and asked him to break me down so that he might rebuild me in His image.

My life began to look completely different in some aspects and unchanged in others. A new zeal for living was placed on my heart. I had, for the first time, motivation. After a year and a half of barely staying afloat at the alternative school I began to pursue my studies with zest. The Lord then placed a thought in my heart of joining the Marine Corps. As a consequence of joining the military, I had to stop doing drugs. My friends could see the change in me. I truly believe the Lord sent me to serve in the Marine Corps to remove me from the lifestyle everyone else was adopting around me. God taught me responsibility, determination in adverse situations, leadership, and a respect for authority. What a Great God we serve!

Over the years that I served in the Corps, God was convicting me of my sin. I was forced to see why God designed sex to be between a husband and a wife. Abstinence became natural as I waited on my wife. The Lord also convicted me in 2009 to quit my cursing as this behavior did not honor God.

Over the three years while working at the embassy, I was able to earn my associates degree. Who would have thought it! Kent Manton, a high school druggie and flunky, would be a college grad!

Several months later I met the girl who would become my wife. We courted for eight months before the Lord said it was time for me to ask for her hand in marriage. We are currently learning to follow God's principles for marriage. Jesus has since given me a great job at L3 Communications where I work as a night shift security officer. I'm still pursuing my bachelor's degree and hope to receive it within the next two years.

I'm currently being discipled by an elder within my church. I'm also still a sinner, but I'm constantly learning what it means to be a Godly man. I'm so thankful the Lord has given me a community of believers to lean on and be held accountable. I now know my purpose in life, to bring glory and honor to his name.

**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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