

## 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! 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, patience, 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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# Hearing His Voice

*"They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony." Revelations 12:11*

## Radically Changed



**Nate Curling**

My name is Nathanael (Nate) Curling. I work in food services for a national restaurant chain. I enjoy meeting people with a smile and brightening their day. Here is my story.

When I was seven years old, I remember sitting on my mom's bed listening to her tell me about Jesus and what He did for us. I thanked and acknowledged Christ as my savior and asked Him to come into my heart

and be the Ruler of my life. After that, I don't remember much of a change.

After high-school, I received a scholarship to a small college to pursue my passion of acting. This was my first real time being away from home, and it didn't go so well. I got curious about alcohol. Next I wanted to try marijuana then cocaine, ecstasy, and eventually, anything I could get my hands on. Still claiming to be a "Christian" through all this, I was being blinded to God more and more every day. This lifestyle remained for ten years. At this time, I lost my step-father, who had a big part in raising me. I also ended up having a son and getting married. God blessed me to never have custody issues over my son when his mother and I split up in 2011.

Ten years of hardcore alcoholism, random drug use, and womanizing, I tried, with no avail, to have a successful relationship with a woman. Between alcohol, politics, and differing opinions, I snapped. Something in me went wild. I was

living with a girl at the time and in a drunken rage, I destroyed her home. I woke up at my mom's house the next morning with a horrible feeling I just couldn't shake. It was conviction. Something inside of me just kept telling me that the Bible was true and to read it.

After a week of reading the Word every day and trying my best to focus on God, something happened. I had attended a small church twice that week, and the pastor laid his hands on my head and prayed and spoke in what I had heard of before as tongues. I accepted whatever it was that was being prayed over me. I was at such a point of helplessness; I was willing to accept anything from the Lord even if it seemed slightly foolish. I've never made a better decision. The next day after work, God decided it was time to show me the truth. The Holy Spirit fell over me before I had time to leave the parking lot. It was the most amazing thing I've ever felt! My whole body was tingling, and I couldn't stop laughing and crying. God was enlightening me and showing me His truth, which is Jesus Christ! This didn't stop for over an hour. I reached up and asked for Jesus to pour His blood on me. I pulled my truck over. When I did, the blood washed the Devil off with such a force, I was flung across the cab of my truck unhurt then shaken by God uncontrollably! It was like Holy electricity! When I opened the truck door, I wasn't controlling my body. An unseen force caused me to sprint across the field waiving my arms in the air and shouting praises to Jesus! I fell on my knees and something green came out of my stomach. My hands shot straight to the sky and I screamed, "Thank you, Jesus!" at the top of my lungs! I couldn't stop praising God and running around in the field. It was a very energetic feeling, a love, a person can only experience through Christ and the Holy Spirit. Somehow, that love, in that instant, did something to me that changed my life. My alcoholism was gone. I hadn't tried to quit. I hadn't even slowed down, but it was just gone.

The Lord delivered me from much more than alcoholism that day. He opened my eyes and my heart to the world in a whole new way. He took away my lustful desires for women and drugs. I even noticed my filthy language was gone. When I hear cuss or filth words now, it almost makes me cringe. The Holy Spirit dwells inside me and is very sensitive to all things. He is a teacher and a comforter when I need Him. The power that comes from God through the Holy Spirit is true and undeniable. What He did for me that day is visible to all who have ever known me. Several of my

friends who saw the undeniable change in my life have now also received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

I thought all those years of my life I were fine. I had confessed Christ. I had been dunked under water. I had been taught about the Bible, and I went to church. I had done all these things that were pleasing to man, but I hadn't actually ever looked for a personal relationship with the Lord on my own until I was 28 years old. When I finally found Him, He showed me His mercy, power, and grace! There is a wonder working power in the blood of Jesus, and it is taken for granted by Christians today. I try to tell people everywhere I go about the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the special gifts God has for all of us.

**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.**

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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 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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