

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

Racing with the Wind



Ricky Leonard

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

Revelation 12:11

A high speed police chase disrupted the peace on a hot August night in Clearwater, Florida. The car being pursued came to a screeching halt and the young suspect jumped out blasting the police cruiser with buckshot. After blasting the passenger side of the car, the suspect turned to flee. The next bullets fired were by the police officer hitting the young man square in the back of the head!

That young man was me, Ricky Leonard. I was transported to the hospital where I underwent surgery for over 7 hours. The doctor removed lead and bone fragments imbedded in my brain up to 3 inches deep! Later, the doctor told my mother, that "if" I recovered I would be paralyzed, have severe brain damage, grand mal epilepsy (characterized by violent seizures), loss of motor skills, balance and coordination. After I awoke from coma, I could barely move or walk. Twenty days later I was placed in a wheelchair and taken to the county jail. In January of 1975 I was sentenced to 30 years in prison; my release date was 2004!

About six months later, at D.C.I. prison in Arcadia, Florida, a man came up to me who had become a Christian just a week before. He was overcome with his new found joy and greatly excited about how God had transformed his life. As I was trying to open my wall locker he grabbed me by the front of my shirt. He said that I needed to know the Lord as he did, and he wanted to take me to chapel on Sunday! Then, every time the doors of the church were opened he brought me to church! He did not give up. About 3 weeks later I had gone to a special bible study meeting, but only to get the

homemade cookies! These men who lived their life for God, began to tell how they had been changed by the power of God. Their hatred, bitterness, hopelessness and fears were all removed by the transforming power of God when they invited Jesus into their heart.

After several men told of their conversion, a strange thing happened. Before I realized what was going on, I was on my feet with tears in my eyes. I said, "Men, I don't know what this Jesus stuff is all about, but if He can change your life . . . I need Jesus." That night things began to turn around; a change began to take place on the inside of me, in my spirit. As I prayed and talked with God everyday, the change became evident. Even with 30 years hanging over my head, and being without hope physically, I too had peace and joy.

Four and a half years later, God moved in my life in a phenomenal way. One evening two men met me as I was leaving the chapel. One said he had a vision of a crippled man being healed; the other had told him of me. That day during lunch the man fasted and prayed, "Lord, is this the man you showed me in that vision?" The Lord said to him, "Yes, go and tell him I am going to heal him and that revival will break out here because of it."

At 4:50 p.m. on March 10, 1979 Lou told me what the Lord had spoken to him that day. He asked if I knew any Bible verses that promised my healing. I quoted Exodus 15:26, "for I am the Lord that heals you", and Isaiah 53:5, "But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed." We also read Matthew 8:17; 1 Peter 2:24. According to Matthew 18:19 we agreed together in prayer. I prayed, "Lord I am sick of being sick, I am sick of taking pills, you foul spirit of epilepsy I bind you in Jesus' name, get out! Father I believe that I am healed from the top of my head to the soles of my feet, In Jesus' name, Amen."

At 5:00 p.m. as I said "amen," the whistle sounded which is a call to return to our dorms. Each day I was the last one in the dorm due to my being crippled and physically wracked. But that day, I ran! I ran from the front of that prison to the rear, up the stairs of the dormitory and down the hall to my room. Healed! No more paralysis, brain damage, epilepsy, loss of equilibrium or asthma! Not long after, I realized that a girl I had been writing to in Riverside, California, had fallen in love with me and I with her through the mail. The Lord intervened on my behalf; my sentence was changed from 30 years to 15, then it was reduced further to just two weeks!

One week before being released, as I was in prayer, the Lord said, "Ricky I want you to preach the gospel around the world and share your testimony."

The Lord released me in March of 1981. Mary and I were married in May. Today we have three great children, all serving the Lord. Mary and I are still very much in love and happily married.

Since 1981 I have ministered as an Evangelist, traveling to dozens of countries with the "good news" of Jesus Christ. In 1983 and 1984 I was part of teams backpacking Bibles in Nepal, in the Himalayas. Since then God has blessed me to minister on almost every continent in the world! The Lord has opened doors of opportunity for me to appear on many national & international television programs, on radio, in churches, camp meetings, crusades, conventions, in prisons, and Full Gospel Businessmen's meetings.

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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