

## 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"**

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.

• 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...

**Revelation 12:11**

## Value Added



**Ricky Sanders**

Rick worked for his brother in a small business. The relationship was good until he found peace with God. Friction began to develop between the brothers. Rick's brother missed the old Rick as he could relate with the old man. Now they were as different as day and night. Rick was ready to buy out his brother or start a new business. Every property that Rick thought was a possibility and inquired about fell through. Rick asked God to

show him what to do. Was he to go into the ministry? The answer was revealed while he was working...he saw a vision appear as you might see in a child's etch-u-sketch. The detailed drawing was of Rick's workplace. God wanted him to stay right there. Rick knew in his heart that he would always be at his current workplace. When Rick's brother became ill and accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, prior to his death, he told Rick that he wanted him to buy the business. Today at Rick's business, which became his pulpit, you will hear the uplifting Christian music playing in the background and Rick praying with his customers to help comfort their needs and best of all leading them to salvation in Jesus Christ. This is one man's marketplace ministry.

At eight years of age I was visiting my aunt and uncle in Fort Worth, Texas, and we attended a youth revival. Something got a hold of me and I prayed to receive Jesus. God never left me even though I lived like the world. My first marriage failed, but God blessed me with a second chance as I married Debbie, a wonderful Christian lady.

The month of October has always been very special to me. On October 2, I had one beer left in the refrigerator and I debated drinking it, but I had promised my wife that we would go to church the following morning. The preacher spoke 45 minutes on one verse. I talked with my father-in-law, a minister of the Gospel, about that verse. On October 16, I said to Jesus, "Is there something in this book that you want me to know? Please open it up so that I can understand it." It was like the whole world was removed from my chest and the room shook. I screamed out "Debbie did you feel that?" She said, "feel what?" Didn't you feel that earthquake? I didn't feel anything. Turn off the light and go to sleep." That night I read the entire book of Luke. Debbie got up at 7:00AM and I had just finished showering. I told Debbie about everything I read. She called her sister and said "I don't know what is wrong with Ricky, but he read the book of Luke last night, and everything he reported was true." That night changed my life. I quit drinking cold turkey and poured a half gallon of whiskey down the drain.

We started attending a church at a nursing home in Commerce. There was this little lady there always talking about the baptism of the Holy Spirit. In 1988, I was driving down Highway 50 to Interstate 30 and said, "Father, I need to know about the baptism of the Holy Spirit in Jesus' name. Is it true or not? If there is something more about You, I want it." The truck lit up. I could not see anything. It blinded me and my eyes flowed like a river. I worshiped God in the truck, and I didn't know who was driving. As I passed the Exxon station I received the fullness of the Holy Spirit. It was several years before I understood what actually happened to me.

In 1991, I started driving a truck for a local company at night while barbering during the day. I got sick and suspected that I had the same type of cancer as my dad. On Sunday, the day before the surgery, I opened my Bible for an answer and by God's will it fell opened to Psalm 23. I knew that I had

nothing to fear. The room filled with light and the Lord shook me and said, "I am not through with you yet." The light remained from 5:00 PM to 6:00PM. I knew I was healed. The surgeon did a biopsy on Monday morning. My body was swelled, and the fluid left. The doctor said, "Everything I removed was black and smelled awful, and I wouldn't have given you a plug nickel to live." However, the biopsy was negative. From that moment on I experienced the full power of God. That day Satan found out who Ricky Sanders was. My witnessing power grew every day.

To read Colonel Sander's full testimony and find more businessmen stories, please visit <http://FGBT.org>

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**OUR VISION FROM GOD was given to our founder Demos Shakarian, a dairyman. In the vision he saw men who looked spiritually dead standing shoulder to shoulder across the globe; they heard and received the message of hope, and were 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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