

## 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

**Life is not a problem to be solved; it's an adventure to be lived**

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

**Revelation 12:11**



**Ron Hoesterey**

We love Indiana Jones! Why? Because he is on an adventure. We admire people who leave the routine of life and face danger for a purpose. In Raiders of the Lost Ark, Jones encounters snakes, guys with swords, and Nazis. Tonight, I have been invited to share the many adventures of my life and how that journey has shaped my purpose, actions and beliefs. There are three aspects of a successful journey - The importance of faith and friends on your journey; what you learn through daily struggles; and

how your life is affected because of those challenges.

My first real prayer was the day my first son Sean was born. He was sick and jaundiced. The doctor said he may not make it. My wife was weak from hemorrhaging, and we could not tell her. Home alone, I prayed to God to save them both. Even though I had not yet accepted Him into my life, He answered. Four years later our second son Kevin was born without complications.

Our family moved to Tustin, California, and we met Chuck Puckett, five doors down from our new home. Chuck invited me to a free breakfast-- I like to eat free. So, the next Tuesday morning at 7:00AM we arrived at the Christian Business Men's Committee breakfast. The speaker referred to James 1:2-3 (NIV) "Consider it pure joy my brothers and sisters, whenever

you face trials of many kinds. For the testing of your faith produces perseverance.”

I muttered “BULL. How can you be happy getting the tar kicked out of you?” Months later I accepted Jesus Christ as my savior.

As a new Christian, I viewed God as taking care of all my possessions and needs. I had a great job as mayor of a city, and held many prestigious titles. Life was Good! God is Great! As Mayor, I ran into Dave Baker, the Mayor of Irvine. He later played an important role in my life.

My boss called me into his office one morning. “Ron you are doing a great job, but..” I hate the word *but*. Nothing good ever follows. “...but, the company is closing this business. We are all being let go.” I was devastated. After a year of searching for employment, I was reduced to reading junk mail in the kitchen. A flyer jumped off of the table. “Buy successful businesses with other people’s money!” After a three day seminar, I became an expert in business acquisition. I purchased Royal Mattress. Two years later, my largest customer went bankrupt, and very thing unraveled. I escaped to the Crazy Horse for lunch. Alone in the corner was Dave Baker; his life also was in shambles. We began meeting Tuesday mornings to encourage each other and invite others over time.

Tuesday mornings, I learned God’s ways as we sought answers to our problems. The question haunting me was “Why me, Lord?” I learned prayer, perspective, and perseverance. Each crisis seemed like the last, but we persevered.

We lost the house, moved into a rental, and barely keep the business afloat. My “self worth” crashed with my “net worth.”

On March 15, 1996, after a tough day at work I arrived home and pressed the button to open the garage door. I found my son Kevin dead in the garage. Suddenly, all of the past years' troubles became meaningless. I was then surrounded by my wife, police and friends. Phil 4:6-7 (NIV) pops into my head, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God that transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Jesus Christ.” At that moment a peace comes over me that defies all logic.

James 1:2-3 then filled my mind. I thanked God for all of the struggles. For I now understand, He was preparing me for this moment. God was more concerned with my character than comfort. Through the struggles He taught perseverance, character, and hope. The lessons from our group now carry new understandings.

I now understand when in Phil 4:12 (NIV), Paul said, “He has learned the secret to being content whether in plenty or need.” My *self worth* is no longer tied to my *net worth*. What is different is I now know my purpose is to share this journey to help others.

To listen to Ron’s full testimony and find more businessmen stories, please visit <http://FGBT.org>

**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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