

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

Revelation 12:11

Indoctrinated In Secular Humanism



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My name is Timothy Boyce and I am a Principal at iHs Professional Services, Inc., a retained executive search firm that provides deep insight into the career options and opportunities available to Enterprise Software and IT executives and professionals.

I was raised in Western New York and South Florida. I went to public school until the age of 13, and then attended one of the top private preparatory schools and top liberal arts universities in the U.S. Without my realizing it, this education indoctrinated me in secular humanism. Materialism (i.e., there is no God) and naturalism (i.e., God is not the cause or sustainer of anything) were powerful suppositions that underpinned much of what I was taught and treated as axiomatic.

I was taught that everything other than these suppositions was to be examined critically because these suppositions represented "neutral ground." At the same time, I was taught through much of the literature and entertainment I consumed that the pursuit of pleasure was the highest good (hedonism). Knowledge, truth, and morality existed only in relation to the individual, culture, society, or historical context

(relativism). Operational science was the only source of objective truth (scientism), and kindness is only for those who deserve it. I was just another animal, and heroes do not turn the other cheek, they exact revenge for themselves (Satanism).

While I was in college, I attended church every Sunday even as I simultaneously tried to understand and integrate other theories of the cause, nature, and purpose of my life and the universe (religions) with the religion of secular humanism that I had been indoctrinated in. You see, our Lord Jesus Christ chose my parents for me. They love me because of Him and faithfully took me to the Methodist Church and taught me about Jesus Christ. Amid hostile environments of my secular humanistic, postmodern university, there was something about what I heard on Sundays that I just couldn't understand. Something that inexplicably filled me with hope and joy like none of my philosophy, religion, economics, or political science classes or my hedonistic pursuits did.

After graduating from the university, I pursued the American Dream and the pleasure, wealth, and power it promised. After only a few months at my first job, I felt empty. Something was missing. I chalked it up to not being mature enough or not making enough money. Ten years went by and I became an executive and eventually a CEO with a top 2% income. Yet, something still wasn't right. The wealth and power gains had failed to yield the peace and meaning I desired and the pleasures were fleeting, sometimes destructive. I saw Jesus of Nazareth as just another good moral teacher, and I picked and chose what to believe (or so I thought) often feeling the despair of Nihilism as I did so.

One afternoon, 12 years ago, my wife and I were talking with our boys and she told them we were Christians. The Spirit of our Lord affirmed this in me as she spoke, and it stunned me. Soon after, I debated with my younger brother about Jesus of Nazareth saying that He never claimed to be God, and that He was just another good moral teacher on the order of Confucius, Lao Tzu, Mohammad, Gautama Buddha, or the Dahlia Lama. He asked me when the last time I had read one of the Gospels was, and I told him I went to church regularly. He asked me again and I confessed that I couldn't remember when I had, and he suggested I go back and read them again. So, I did.

He was right. As I read, the Spirit of our Lord confirmed the Truth of who Jesus is and changed my mind. The Truth was there all along. It was Jesus. As I looked on the One who loved me so much that He had chosen to die a horrific death rather than to live without me, my heart was broken. What kind of evil was within me that could offend and condemn so gracious a God? How wicked I had been. I couldn't bare it. And, how beautiful His eventual reply, "That's not you anymore Timothy, that's not how I've raised you in Me and Me in you. Deny yourself, pick up your cross daily, and follow Me. It is no longer you who lives but Me who lives within you."

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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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