

## THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER

At the moment of your friend's restoration to the family of God, something special and miraculous happens. He is born-again!

When God hears the love words that you and your friend just sent to the Heavenly Father, He dispatches the Holy Spirit to come into his spirit.

When this happens. It is like mixing two glasses of water- where does one start and where does the other stop. It's impossible to tell, because the work of the Holy Spirit is to make your friend one with Jesus Christ!

This does not make your friend God, but it does make him a child of God. A member of God's family. Because the Holy Spirit has come into the spirit of your friend, the two have fused together and become one.

If your friend were to die tonight, instantly, the Holy Spirit would return to the Heavenly Father taking your friend's spirit with him- joined as one!

"And the glory You gave Me, I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one. I in them and you in Me; that they may be made perfect in one and that the world may know that You have sent Me and have loved them as You have loved Me." (John 17:22-23)

Just as a bride and bridegroom become one flesh, Jesus and every member of His family is one Spirit.

Now that your friend is in Father's family, there is a gift for him. It is called the Promise of the Father. (Acts 1:4-8) Immediately upon adoption and restoration into God's family Jesus becomes our Lord. What does this mean? This means that He wants us to join Him in His mission to seek and to save the lost in our generation. And His Promise is, that He will give to us all the same power He had when He walked upon the earth on his rescue mission.

Acts 2:1-4 "When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

The apostle Peter was so stirred up by the Promise of the Father that he immediately began to share his testimony and prophesy to the people that were outside the house where he was. Soon, 3000 heard Peter's words and were touched by the Holy Spirit.

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." (Acts 2:38-29)

With that, 3000 people were re-united with the Heavenly Father!

The Promise of the Father, the gift of the Holy Spirit is so we will receive power to demonstrate God's love to the people we live, work and play with. The Holy Spirit anoints us to be effective Fishers of Men. When the Person of the Holy Spirit joins Himself to our spirit, we are born again. Then, the Holy Spirit gives us a gift of power to be able to continue the mission of Jesus in our generation under His Lordship.

When your friend has been born again, it is the best moment to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Very little, if any, explanation needs to be given for us to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. After all, God's presence is all over the man or woman who is being restored to the Family and it is His presence that will give us power to bring others into the Family as well.

Just tell your friend that now that he is in God's Family, there is a promised gift for him from the Father. Then, just let the anointing come upon him. Let the anointing do the work. As your friend is feeling the presence of the Holy Spirit, just start speaking in tongues and encourage your friend to accompany you. When he does, you stop speaking in tongues and encourage him to continue without stopping. Soon, he will know that a new language that he never learned is coming from his lips, fruit of God's presence and interestingly enough- seemingly stirred up from your friend's belly!

After a few moments, ask your friend to stop speaking in his new tongue and begin again so he can see that this is something he can turn on and off.

Now is the time to tell him that the presence of the Lord in this way is what will help him tell his friends about Jesus. In fact, the presence of the Lord in this way will help him lay hands on people and see them healed and set free in Jesus' name. The presence of the Lord in this way will help him give encouraging prophetic words to people with broken hearts and wounded spirits.

Then, just before you go your separate ways, have your friend practice speaking in tongues again for a short moment and pray for him, asking God to bless him and his family greatly.

Invite him to your chapter so he can continue to grow in the Lord and learn how to take Jesus to others as you have.

Finally, send him home to his wife and children. Tell him to ask forgiveness for how he has treated them all these years and pray with them to receive what he has just received with you.

Make sure you stick with him over the next few days and become a mentor to him so your friend can learn how to be an effective Fisher of Men.