

## 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

## Fighting for Liberty

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

**Revelation 12:11**



Allen Clark

Raised in a patriotic and wonderful army family with fantastic parents, I had achieved my childhood dream by attending and graduating from West Point in 1963. My first wife did not like the Army so I had made the decision to resign from the Army but my sense of duty, honor, country, the motto of West Point, compelled me to volunteer for Vietnam and serve there before I became a civilian to live the good life in Dallas, Texas.

I was on the alert shift of a firebase and airstrip camp in the central highlands of Vietnam from 4:00-6:00AM in the inner perimeter and at 4:30 when the mortar rounds began falling into the camp, I began grabbing men and attempting to get our own mortars to fire on the enemy and to send illumination flares into the air to spot the expected enemy ground attack on our camp. As I scanned the horizon to spot smoke from the enemy to pinpoint our counter-fire, suddenly I was thrust to the ground on my stomach. One of the mortar shells landed eighteen inches to my left rear shredding my legs with the hot, cutting metal of the blast. I yelled, "Oh, God, my legs, my legs. Oh God, I'm dead."

One of the mortar shells landed eighteen inches away... "Oh God, I'm Dead."

Two Special Forces men rushed to put take me underground to the bunker of our medic, Sgt. Jimmy Hill. As Sergeant Hill came up out of his bunker to help, a rocket hit seven feet away and he took a piece of shrapnel in his shoulder and fell back in the bunker where I arrived seconds later.

I believed I was dying and told Jimmy to forget about me and help the other wounded. "No sir," Sgt. Hill told me, "You're not going to die...I'll check the others when I'm through with you." Jimmy Hill saved my life and I woke up the next night into a brand new world where my left leg was gone below the knee and my right one, broken in five places, was in a cast from my hip to five black toes protruding out from the white sheet. A trip back to the United States in seven days allowed me to be quickly reunited with my entire family. My right leg was amputated ten days after the wounding.



Allen recovering in the hospital

In the eighth month in the hospital, spiritual warfare was exhibited in fears and anxieties at a time when Jesus had not yet become Lord of my life. I was scared whether I would ever walk again, concerned about what I would do to make a living, and sad about my disabled condition. After four days without sleep I cracked and was admitted to a psychiatric ward of the army hospital for fourteen of the most agonizing, painful weeks to rival those early weeks after my wounds lying in bed and begging for morphine every three hours to stop the horrible pain. What followed, of course, were constant anti-depressant pills and seeing psychiatrists for six years.

In the mid-1970's God took me to a new world and a new level of understanding of my faith. As a teenager I had believed that Jesus died on the cross for my sins, but that basic faith was not deep enough to quiet my fears, remove my anger and bitterness, or give me peace. I actually became bitter toward God and cried out "Why me?" Then I realized that I had volunteered for West Point, Vietnam, and Army Special Forces, I had put myself in harm's way. I began to heal bodily; however, my soul and spirit needed healing and I definitely was not spiritually mature. At a church service in the 1970's my pastor began to preach about the great longtime struggle and conflict between good and evil, between God and Satan for over 6,000 years of recorded history. At that service I realized I had shed my blood for which I wear my Purple Heart for freedom in Caesar's world, but my Savior shed His blood on the cross at Calvary 2,000 years ago so we could all have freedom from the oppression in our own souls so often caused by the attacks on our mind, emotions, and will carried on by sneak attacks by Satan's soldiers, his demons, as well as our unwise choices. That day I teared as I looked at the flag of our great United States of America and realized I had been willing, and almost did, to die for what it represented,

but had been totally absent on the real battlefields of our lives, that of the soul and spirit. That day I looked up to a new commander in chief, my Lord Jesus Christ, instead of my earthly commanders in the Army.

That day I went to a new plateau and into the new world where Jesus became not only Savior, but Lord of my life. The motto of my earthly army unit of the Green Berets was De Oppresso Liber, Freedom from Oppression. That is what our Jesus offers us. Never again since the mid 1970's would I need anti-depressants nor need to be counseled by a psychiatrist. My Jesus took away from me this cloud of insecurity and fear and bitterness from my wounds.

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**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.**

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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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