

## 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! 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...every day, 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. Luke 11:13*

#### 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.



# Hearing His Voice

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"They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony." **Revelations 12:11**

## Letting God Choose



**David Palmer**

My name is David Palmer. I am a paint specialist at L-3 Communications. I use the latest technology in stripping paint, painting planes and aircraft parts. I tint and blend paints to match existing colors. I would like to tell you my story.

We live in Celeste, Texas. We home-schooled our combined twelve children. Our children have been active in

musicals and dramas at the Greenville Auditorium. I am learning time management while balancing work and family.

I grew up in a Christian family and went to church every time the doors were open. I had a childhood salvation experience when I was six years old. I didn't really have an understanding of what it meant at the time. I was involved in children's choirs and other church ministries. In my teenage years, I developed a drug problem. I started experimenting with alcohol and drugs. As my heart grew colder towards the Gospel of Jesus Christ, I continue to drift away. I joined the Army at seventeen years of age for the purpose of drinking alcohol. The alcohol affected my ability to serve my country. After nineteen months, I was released from the Army. I drifted from place to place. I was

semi-homeless for a time. I did not really settling down in a career or location. I had a failed marriage and a child. While watching the World Series, I was intently listening to the Most Valuable Player (MVP) of the 1988 Dodgers, Orel Leonard Hershiser IV. He was invited to say a few words on live television. He spoke with humility and gave the glory to God for the Dodger's success. My heart was beginning to soften towards God. I thought to myself, "Orel you deserved the award. You earned it."

I was trying to settle into a routine of working, paying my bills and child support, and had a live-in girlfriend. As I was working for a printing company in Plano, Texas, I would visit with customers. They would talk about different things, but mostly they would talk about religion. Initially, I had a rejection to religious talk, but I found myself listening to their conversations even when I should have been doing other things. One day while at work, I heard the word prodigal spoken. Not into my ears, but into my heart or my spirit. I knew that it came from God and that I hadn't drifted so far away from Him that I couldn't go home. My brother-in-law invited me over to his house for his birthday party. After celebrating with him, he said, "I noticed something different about you. I'd like to talk to you after everyone leaves." He presented "The Roman Road" from my childhood New Testament Bible. I listened intently and prayed the "Prayer of Salvation" with him and truly meant it. I didn't feel anything at that moment, but God knew my heart. This was on a Saturday evening. The next day I saw a church that had message on the marque, "Welcome! Sign up Singles." I went into the church and felt welcomed. I presented myself to the pastor that Sunday after the church service. I knew that I needed to be baptized, and he said, "Be here at 5 p.m." I probably should have called my mom and let her know, but I wasn't thinking.

I would read my Bible until I fell asleep. I went through the New Testament rather quickly. It took a month to read, and then I started on the Old Testament. I found myself wanting something more, but I couldn't put my finger on it. I had a

desire to do some kind of ministry and discovered jail ministry. I was living in Garland and going to church in Austin, Texas. One Sunday, while I was visiting this church in Austin, they asked me to come down to the front, and they were going to pray for me. I went down to the altar and received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. However, I didn't speak in tongues. That came later when there was more power in my life. I found these things called podcasts, that I could listen to on my phone and downloaded a lot of different Christian teachings. One of these teachers was Sid Roth who was teaching about the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

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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 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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