

## 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.



# Hearing His Voice

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

**Revelation 12:11**

## God's Truth and Mercy



**David Jones**

My name is David Jones. I am in law enforcement for the Hunt County Homeland Security office as a criminal investigator. My primary responsibility is bio-terrorism area. I'm 58 years old and I've worked in law enforcement since 1974. I'd like to tell my story and how I came to be what I am today.

I was an air force brat of a mustang officer which means my father was an enlisted man before he became

an officer. In 1942 dad became a pilot. After being an airplane mechanic, he flew on bombing missions all over Japan. When returning to the United States, he received bachelor's and master's degrees in mechanical and electrical engineering while in the service. We were stationed in Italy and I grew up in the city of Rome, where I got to see the Vatican. I saw the Pope even though I didn't know he was a well known individual. There were a lot of religious icons throughout Italy and the Latin and Spanish languages are steeped in religious expressions.

My father retired in 1969, with a job in Greenville at LTV. Two hours after the moving van left the house, the job disappeared. Mama told

him to go to Denton because there were a couple of colleges there, where he could get a job teaching.

“Guess what, honey, I found a job in Denison” and the fight was on. She said, “No, I told you to go to Denton.” And he said, “No, you said Denison.” So to make a long story short, we moved to Denison. My father was teaching electronics and math and he told the family that we are going to do what civilians do. Civilians go to church and so will we. Church attendance was foreign. We settled for a church that my little sister and I really liked. During a revival, my sister and I accepted Christ. We changed our perspective, and mother rededicated her life.

For the next six or seven weeks, our house was miserable. My folks argued frequently, but they had never mentioned the word divorce. God sent Dr. Johnson, a dentist, to minister to my dad. My father was a tall man, 6’4” and 250 pounds, and this little guy was about 5’7” and 75 years old. My father always respected physical prowess. Dr. Johnson at 75 could do 21 one arm pushups. That got my dad’s attention and respect, but Dr. Johnson was a gentle soul. Once or twice a week for about 6 weeks, Dr. Johnson and my father would discuss the gospel. He answered all my father’s questions, worked with him, and prayed for him. My mother and sister prayed for my father, and after 6 weeks, my father came to Christ, totally changed. His temperament changed to gentleness. He was every bit as opinionated as he had been before, but there was a grace about him and by that I mean he became gentle and was a different man.

I did belong to Jesus and I prayed, and I was learning that teenagers tend to be pretty selfish and manipulative. I became less confrontational, and I learned how to avoid some confrontations. I learned to follow the rules and still do what I wanted to do. Jesus never let me go. He says in John, “that once we belong to Him, He holds our hand and nothing can take us away. I am living proof of that. The minute Jesus came into my life in October of 1971 I was a new creation. My walk with Him has been an incredible journey. God has never let me go, He’s always been there giving me a conscious. I know He is real, because there have been times when I’ve chose to deliberately do what I knew was wrong. Even now, He loves me; He lets me come back to Him. He really is the God of second chances. My common response to people when they ask me how I am doing is to say, “Better than I

deserve.” You need to know that I’ve been divorced four times, and I’m not going to tell you that they were four terrible women. I’m the common denominator so you figure it out. But even through those troubling times, God never lets go of me. He really got my attention on July 4th, 1992, at 1:00 a.m. I was on patrol and a kid with a shotgun was trying to kill me. I killed the kid, but I got shot by my partner. When in the hospital recovering from surgery, I realized that the bullet from a .45 caliber automatic didn’t kill me. God still had a destiny for me.

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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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