

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

Coming Full Circle

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

Revelation 12:11



David Tolo

Growing up as a pastor's kid, Jesus was always my Lord and Savior. Jesus filled me with His precious Holy Spirit as a youth. But I was destined for trouble in the world. Here is my story.

Everyone that I knew thought I would end up dead or in jail. I drank every day, used whatever drugs I could get my hands on, and was always fighting and getting arrested. Believe it or not, I was a

"nice guy" in a manner of speaking, but I had a huge "chip on my shoulder." I would get out of control if something upset me when I was drunk, a real Jekyll and Hyde. One day I found myself at 24 years old sitting in Elizabeth Park with a warrant out for my arrest; my life was unmanageable. Up to that point there were nine times in my life that if God hadn't stepped in, I would have died. I had been drowned two times, fell out of a tree, fell off a cliff, been jumped by a gang, overdosed, and set up to be murdered, etc. I knew in my deepest heart that I was supposed to serve God, but I saw no way out of the situation I was in.

I pleaded with God to help me and the thought came to me to call Teen Challenge, so I went to the pay phone and called the operator. I asked for the number for Teen Challenge in Hartford. She said there was no Teen Challenge in Hartford but she did find a Youth Challenge. Thank God for that operator. She must have known by my voice how desperate I was.

I had my 25th birthday in Youth Challenge, which is a Christian residential drug and alcohol program where the stay is 12 – 18 months. I went from being an angry alcohol and drug addicted boy to being a man dedicated to serving God.

One lesson that comes to mind came from a roommate that didn't seem to like me much. I was determined to go through the program, get my life together, kick my addictions, and live happily ever after. God wasn't going to let it be that easy; He had some things He wanted to work out of me and this guy was one of the tools He used to do it. My roommate loved to get into verbal sparring matches. I was an easy target because I was really focused on changing my life so I wouldn't fight back. Most of the days were filled with prayer, work, classes, ministry and good things. All of this with the possibility of being humiliated by him in front of the guys at any given time. This went on for several months, then one day I heard he was going to the ranch. The ranch is the second phase of the program in Moosup, Connecticut. I was ecstatic! It was like a big weight was lifted off of my shoulders. The next few months of the program were amazing and hard.

One day I heard I would be reunited with my nemesis at the ranch, because I was going to the second phase. I was looking forward to a change of pace and found out that I was going to bunk with a friend who was very spiritual, kind, and quiet. All the other guys, including the person I was hoping to avoid, were together in a different room. The following day there was an announcement that the staff didn't want all the spiritual guys in one room and all the social guys in the other. I ended up bunking with the one guy I was praying to avoid! I felt a huge knot form in my stomach. I went off to pray. I said "God, I really can't handle this, there must be some mistake. This guy is going to make me miserable." A few bible verses kept popping in my head about dealing with people who you don't get along with. Every morning before I started the day, I rolled out of bed and onto my knees and prayed for a while. God was telling me to start including him in those prayers. I thought, "Fine, God. I will do whatever you say," but I didn't think it would make a difference. The next morning I rolled out of bed and started praying for him. I immediately felt the presence of God and suddenly I saw

him in a completely different light. I saw him as vulnerable and full of pain for the loss of his wife and estrangement from his 12-year-old son. I felt his pain and started to sob for him. From that day forward he was kind to me and by the time we graduated and went our separate ways, he was one of my very dear friends.

I have never gone back to the way things were before I went to Youth Challenge. I raised three girls on my own, and now that they are grown, I am a full time urban missionary. I have many fatherless young people who call me dad. I have a job working for the largest software company in the world and God uses me to reach hundreds of young adults across the country for the Lord.

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.

GOD'S PURPOSE FOR OUR FELLOWSHIP

- 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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