

## 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**

## Living Proof



**Dennis Martin**

I grew up in one of the city's roughest neighborhoods in Chicago, IL. I was raised by my (paternal) grandmother, a strong, single woman with great faith. Both of my parents were addicted to drugs. As a child my grandmother believed that I should be raised up in the house of the Lord. At a very young age I was forced to go to church. Growing older, I was influenced by my environment.

Surrounded by drugs, prostitution, violence, gangs and death, I experienced things no child should be exposed to. One day my grandmother came to me and said she would not make me go to church. To me it was a dream come true because we were ridiculed and teased because we attended church. Wanting to fit in, I stopped going. My life began to go downhill. A black cloud came over my life, and nothing went right.

When I was doing well I would hit a rock and fall. When searching for love and attention, the people around me had a big influence. I joined a

gang and eventually began doing things I could never imagine. I started smoking marijuana, selling heroin, harnessing guns, partying, and hanging out with the wrong crowd.

Growing older and having several encounters with the police, I believed that the law had a don't care attitude about life. I had this twisted idea that love was impossible and world was against me. I felt like there was no one I could trust. When reaching this real low point in life, I remember asking myself questions like, *What is my purpose in life? Why was I born? Who would come to my funeral?*

After being incarcerated for selling drugs, I told God that I would never do it again. Then one day, God convicted my heart and reminded me of this broken promise. The Lord was still with me. Over the course of the next five months, I became aware of a lot more things in life. All the people I thought were my friends really didn't have my best interest in mind. The women in my life were only there because I had a longing for love. Drugs and alcohol had filled my emptiness.

After moving to Minnesota, I began to see changes. I was walking up the street and met a pastor that simply said, "God loves you." When he spoke I thought he had received a supernatural word from the Lord. I felt the truth in his statement, and I encountered a love that was void of an ulterior motive. I was blessed with a job and friends that loved the Lord. Then the most amazing thing happened. The one true living God came and revealed himself to me. I actually felt His presence, and He poured His love into me.

He told me that throughout my life He had saved me from death. He carried me when I gave up on myself. He was there all the time. At that moment, I repented of my sins and surrendered my life to Jesus. Instantly, I was set free from addictions of drugs, smoking, and drinking; I was free from despair. I realized that God loved me and the people around me. God has empowered me for a purpose, and I am happy and patient with peace of mind, and I no longer search for love! I have found the love of God.

Now God has given me a new name... *Living Proof!* I have realized that God has given me a gift with music, and the opportunity to glorify his name in the form of hip hop (rap). I am also the president of a painting company called Kingdom Painters, and a leader in a community of young adults who love the Lord. Our Lord has filled me with his love and His precious Holy Spirit.

To read Dennis' full testimony and find more businessmen stories, please visit <http://FGBT.org>

**OUR VISION FROM GOD was given to our founder Demos Shakarian, a dairyman. In the vision he saw men who looked spiritually dead standing shoulder to shoulder across the globe; they heard and received the message of hope, and were 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 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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