

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.



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

Revelation 12:11

A Man of My Word



George Schmoele

My name is George Schmoele. I'm an IT guy... a geek. I am only able to give my testimony because some guys who had what I needed were willing to keep after me. The most influential witness was a guy I worked in the jail with after I got out of the military in 1992. I had to sit in the control center cubicle with this guy 5 days a week. Every day he was telling me about

what Jesus was doing in his life. I kept saying to him, "Dude, I was raised

Catholic. I'm good! Leave me alone!" He did not let up and kept on going. He knew I would not go to the Chief of the jail over it so he figured he had nothing to lose. About that same time the neighbor behind our apartment started witnessing to me regularly. He was a Marine with the local detachment. He kept inviting me to church.

I finally gave in and agreed to go to his church. He gave me the name and asked me if I was the kind of man that kept my word. I told him I was. He said it was Ridge Crest Baptist Church. He gave me a time on Sunday morning that I was to be there and I agreed to be there with Bobbie, my wife. On Sunday morning, Bobbie and I headed out to go to church. I had

forgotten the whole name but I remembered it was something Crest. *How many can there be?* In just a few minutes we pulled into Park Crest Baptist Church parking lot thinking, this must be it and we went in. That was the first time in my 26 years I heard a clear presentation of the Gospel message and it scared me! When that Pastor gave an invitation, I hung on to the back of that pew so tight my knuckles were white. When it was over, I grabbed Bobbie's hand and headed for the door. The greeter, who had met us when we came in, saw us heading out and stopped us to talk. I was saying whatever I could to get out of there. He asked me to promise him to come back next week. Then he asked me, "Are you a man of your word?" I told him I was and that we would be back next week.

That week I was scared to death about death. I drove more carefully. I thought what if I die before Sunday? Will I go to Hell? Is this all real? Sunday, we got up and went back to that same church again. I have no idea what the Pastor preached, I just waited for the invitation that I knew was coming. When he said bow your heads, I grabbed Bobbie by the hand and almost ran to the front of the auditorium and met a guy there who showed me how to become a Christian.

When I stood up, my wife told me that I looked different. I felt different; I felt like I could fly. We had been to many parts of the world in the military and had collected a fair amount of different types and brands of alcohol. Scotch from Scotland, Brandy from France... I estimated that back then it was probably worth about \$1,000. We dumped it all down the drain. No one told me to. No one said you can't have that, I just knew that in my life it represented "the old man," and I no longer needed or wanted it.

Fast forward several years, we were in business. Part of that business required leasing a building from a guy who was a member of Business Men's Fellowship. I had grown up some over the years, spiritually. I had become a faithful member of Park Crest and was reading my bible and even applied Christian principles in business. Park Crest is not a bad church, but the Holy Spirit is rarely mentioned there.

The guy from whom I leased the building started coming into the store and telling me I needed the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. My argument was the same as before, but with different words. I am Baptist, I have what I need.

After much discussion time with Jack, I attended a prayer meeting on a Monday night in 2007. Five guys laid hands on me and prayed for me to receive the Baptism. I did!

It was like salvation all over again, except this time God showed me everything that was wrong in my business. Every area! Through some events in 2008, God taught me that my business was not what it should be because it was about and for me, not Him. Through all of that my wife stuck by my side and we made it through.

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

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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 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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