

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.



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Hearing His Voice

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

Finding the Purpose and Plan for My Life



Jim Priddy



Our Family



SR- 71 Blackbird spy plane

My name is Jim Priddy, and I spent years not talking or telling others of my involvement with the famous A-12 CIA and SR-71 Blackbird Programs. It was one of the most incredible aircrafts in the history of aviation because it required a thermally stable hydrocarbon fuel, and systems that could withstand extreme temperatures at heights in excess of 80,000 feet. I was part of highly dedicated U.S. Air Force and civilian maintenance teams, who provided support for its worldwide deployments, which were shrouded plane, and the programs surrounding it. This has now been declassified. In his book, SR-71 REVEALED, Richard Graham, Col. USAF (RBI) states, The SR-71 has been called the Seeker of Truth." I guess you could use that same phrase to describe me. Or, as the Bible says, "All the things hidden should be revealed."

With this introduction, I would like to tell you my story.

I was born in Washington, DC, raised in Southern Maryland and entered the United States Air Force in the late 1950's. I was always looking for something to fill an indescribable void in his life. I tried the night life, alcohol, and women. Eventually I settled on being a workaholic and getting married early. The pressures of marriage, having a child on the way, and not knowing how to communicate with my wife only increased the stress and the void.

A military program for top classified information is something you just don't talk about. This is great for national don't talk about. This is great for national security, but not talking about the problems didn't help my struggling marriage. Neither did trying to run my marriage like an Air Force project. For some reason, waking my wife up at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday morning to get the house cleaned didn't go over very well.

Early one morning, after returning from a lengthy Top Secret A-1 2 and SR- 71 Blackbird spy plane deployment, my wife, Betty, picked me up at Beale AFB, California, and told me that she'd had enough and was leaving.

I distinctly remember going to the bus station and purchasing the tickets for my wife, five year old daughter, and less than two-year-old son, to leave. I stood watching as my daughter cried and gazed out the bus window, not wanting to leave her daddy. I was not one to cry, especially not in public, but that day was different. As the bus pulled away, my life, with its mistakes, failures, hopes, and dreams, all flashed through my mind, and then seemed to vanish.

Many men don't see what is really happening until it hits them over the head, and I was one of them. I was full of pride and very hardheaded. My early marriage was "one-way" my way. Back then I didn't know that God had a plan for our lives, and I was even less aware of the meaning behind Amos 3:3 which states "Unless two agree, how can they walk together?"

At home Betty was basically told that she'd made her bed, and that she'd have to lie in it. When she came back to me, it wasn't like when they were first married. She was there in body, but her spirit was far from mine. I had a little bit of understanding of what I had almost lost, and was making an effort, as best as I knew how, but Betty was cold.

Later, I was transferred to Tokyo, Japan. I thought this would be the fresh start we desperately needed. Upon arriving in Japan, the money was good and I tried to buy them happiness, but quickly discovered we still had the same old problems. The secrecy that I was bound to in the workplace carried over to his home.

Then I decided that Betty was the problem. Yet the more pressure I placed on her, the bigger the gap in their marriage became. It would be years before I realized that I was supposed to be building my wife up, not tearing her down, and even longer before I would truly understand that God loved both of us and that I was to love Betty as Christ had loved the church.

When our son, Jimmy, was six years old, he announced that he hated God. It was then that Betty determined she needed to take the children to Sunday school. She felt as if she had failed as a mother because of this comment; I felt nothing. Nevertheless, I agreed to take them to Sunday school.

The very first Sunday, Betty returned all excited. She'd been asked to teach Sunday school. Not only was she asked to teach, but my boss was also teaching. I was not excited. I believed in the separation of work and home, and at work I was the fair-haired golden boy. I could not risk his wife telling people at church about me. I had an image to uphold.

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While she was at the Bible study, the teacher informed Betty that she needed Jesus in her heart in order to go to heaven, so she invited Him in, though she didn't tell me.

I didn't like Betty going to this Bible study because I was losing control of her, and I didn't know what was going on there. I also thought she'd started acting funny. I had tried to be nice to get her to love me, but that hadn't worked. Now, all of a sudden, she couldn't love me enough or do enough for me. I thought something strange was up and would try to start a fight just to get things back to normal, but she would just love me and make my favorite dinner. Not only did she not tell me that she'd given her life to Jesus, she also didn't tell me that I was a dirty sinner who needed to be saved. She just loved me.

One week she asked if she could go to the Bible study and I said no, thinking that that would end the nice stuff, but she just smiled and said okay. On the second week I again said she couldn't go. On the third week she asked if I didn't mind if the Bible study came to our house. To this day, I don't know why I said they could come over; maybe I thought I could see what they were really up to, because I knew no one really stayed up until midnight just talking about the Bible.

Once I realized I had actually said they could come over, I informed Betty that they'd better not say anything to me or I would run them out of the house. So they came. I opened up my bar and poured myself a nice big drink, thinking that this would disturb the group, but it didn't. Instead they sat down in their circle and started discussing the Bible and the new wine. I didn't want to seem dumb, and felt that I could add some insight about wine, so I joined in the conversation. Never once did they condemn me.

When the Bible study was over I discovered that the leader had also been assigned to the SR-71 Blackbird Project. We had something in common, which opened the door for me to talk to him (little did I know that an even greater door was being opened.) The leader

asked me, "Are you a Christian?" to which I gave his standard reply - I had been baptized and knew all the books of the Bible. This pat answer had always worked before, but this time it didn't. The man said. "That is not what I asked you. I said, "Are you a Christian?" The Bible says in 1 John 5:11-12, This is the testimony; God has given us eternal life and this life is in his son, he who has the son has life, but he who has not the son of God, has not life." That's all he said. He didn't hit me over the head with a Bible and tell me that I was a sinner headed straight for hell; he just planted the word of God.

And the seed began to grow. I began to wonder how you got The Son and how you got to heaven. I figured it must be one of those 'secrets' in the Bible, so I started reading and soon discovered that you had to invite Jesus to come into your life. Betty was still being nice and sweet. I figured if God could do that for her, maybe He could help me, too. Going to bed early one night, I knelt down and said a simple prayer, committing my life to Jesus. I didn't know what was going to happen, but I slept soundly that night.

The very next day as I went to work, the sky seemed a brighter blue. I couldn't believe it; it looked like a new world. In the past I had never gone to God for anything. As a matter of fact, the only time God' ever crossed his mind or my lips was in my language - God this and God that! I soon found that I was no longer cussing.

That evening, I prayed that if what Betty had was from God, I would receive it, too, and God gave me my prayer language.

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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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