

## 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...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.



# 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**

**“He has put a  
new song in my  
mouth” Psalm 40:3**



**John Tolo**

I was sitting in a church feeling the demons inside of me cursing in anger for bringing them into this holy place. A place for God. As I stared at a bible verse painted on the wall, I could hear the Holy Spirit comforting me in my torment, speaking into my heart; “...this is a promise for you, a new song, a new life.”

Growing up my father was a pastor in a tough inner city church. As the oldest of 8 kids, I often felt isolated and alone. At 12, while

on a part time job, I found a pornography magazine filled with stories of sexual encounters. The people in the stories kept talking about making love. I felt lonely and I wanted to feel love. As I grew up I was convinced that a girlfriend was the answer to my loneliness. This became an obsession for sexual love. It drowned out God and filled me with rebellion. When I fulfilled my obsession with my first girlfriend I wasn't satisfied. Next came alcohol, followed by drugs. At 18 years old I was so frustrated and angry at God that I said, “God, if you won't give me what I want, then Satan I'll serve you and you give me what I want.” Immediately demons came rushing into my life and I began to be filled with all kinds of crazy things, sexual obsession, addiction and the occult. Because of this abandonment to demonic activity I was in torment. I saw the evil spirits around me all the time and knew that they were lying to me, stealing my life and ready to kill me. Finally at 27 years old during a week of continuous partying, I

nearly got killed twice in insane circumstances. After getting hit by a car, having my stomach pumped and being released from the hospital, I cried out in despair; "God, if you are there please do something or I will be dead." Suddenly I began to hear the voice of God the Father. He kept saying, "John, you're my son and I love you." I felt peace and comfort.

A few days later I went to church and saw the writing on the wall, a verse that said "He has put a new song in my mouth." I cried out to God, surrendered and invited Him into my life. The Holy Spirit came in power, the demons let go of me and fled from that holy place. I was free!

This began the incredible adventure of transformation, first in my life, then in the world all around me.

God gives us this promise;

"...anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person the old life is gone; a new life has begun." - Apostle Paul (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Before I began to walk with God I remember thinking and saying "maybe I'll become a Christian when I'm old."

I loved the lifestyle of adventure, excitement and wild parties. I was amazed at how real, exciting and full my life became once the devils were out of me and Jesus took over.

For my 1st year as a believer in Jesus Christ I struggled with being sober. I would do well, even have times of great victory but then temptation, fear and pain would come and I would relapse. I would return to binging, escaping and destructive habits which led to drinking alcohol to deal with pain. I worked hard but I didn't know what to do next.

One day after struggling with this I asked God, "What do I have to do to get my life together?" Jesus told me "Be my disciple, follow me." "How?" I responded. The Holy Spirit said "Join Teen Challenge."

When I was a teen I watched a movie called "The Cross and the Switchblade." It's about gangs in New York City encountering the love of God through the ministry work of David Wilkerson. The story tells about the beginnings of the Teen Challenge Program and it impacted me incredibly. I obeyed. Within two weeks of entering that program I began receiving direction which led to my purpose in life. I heard the Holy Spirit tell me to become an Urban Missionary and then to get ready to go to Guadalajara, Mexico. I didn't even know where that was but I believed that I was being called into my destiny, so I began to prepare.

I completed the Teen Challenge Program and then joined a missionary training school. A few days after I completed my training I was reading the Bible, it said "Jesus began sending his disciples out, giving them authority to cast out evil spirits..." (Mark 6:7) As I read, I heard God tell me "time to go" so I packed up my car and went. I spent the next two years working with homeless teens and families in a barrio there in Guadalajara, Mexico. Many incredible miracles happened, lives were changed and the neighborhood was transformed.

Over the past 25 years God has taken me on an incredible journey. I have an amazing family and now run a mission base in the inner city called Godtown. This missions ministry prepares young people to be urban missionaries and also takes teams all around the world.

**OUR VISION is based on a vision that God gave to a businessman- a dairy farmer. In that vision, he saw hundreds of despondent men who felt they had no chance of making it in the world. Then they heard a message of hope and they came alive! Their heads held high; they were transformed into productive men with dignity and purpose.**

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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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