

## 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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# Hearing His Voice

## He Heard My Cry

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

Revelation 12:11



Ken Parks

My name is Ken Parks, and I am President of HS Solutions, a manufacture's rep firm that specializes in supporting electronic components for the automobile and industrial markets. I grew up in church. When growing up, I was a troubled youth. Now, troubled youth means something a little bit different, back then I was in trouble all the time. I started drinking alcohol when I was 13. My parents had pornography in the home that later caused me to

become involved in sexual promiscuity. We also had tobacco, both wacky tabacky (marijuana) and regular tabacky.

I got saved as a young man in an Assembly of God Church and was baptized in the Holy Spirit at age 16 before enlisting in the Navy. Traveling around the world and being in the Navy had everything to offer: alcohol, drugs, and other promiscuous activities. I was in the navy for eight years, and I was honorably discharged. I was a leader, but in the military I sold drugs. I'm not proud of that.

I got out of the navy in 1981, remarried, and my second marriage failed. I'm not proud of these things either. For people that I'm sharing with

that are married to the same wife for one year or many years, I honor you. God forgives us even when we fall short. I thank God now that I've been married for six years, and my wife is a wonderful Christian lady. I was divorced twenty two years before marrying a wonderful Christian woman.

I remember in my garage which had a night stand for my ashtray, tequila, and my Bible which I started reading. I was sitting there, drinking tequila, smoking cigarettes, and reading my Bible. I was gaining knowledge, but I just started crying. I was hurting so much. I started crying out to the Lord, and reading my Bible. I remember reading "I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. 2 He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. 3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD – PSALM 40:1-3 (KJV)."

Tears rolled down my face. There I was drinking my tequila, smoking cigarettes, and He inclined unto me in my garage. He came down from Heaven, and touched me in my garage, while I was in the pit of despair.

I drove to the University of Texas in Plano, Texas. I knew there was an open field. I just started walking across the field. I picked up a flower; and I thought of God, the creator; and I said, "God I'm so troubled." We had a lot of rain during that time, and I remember walking across the field and getting mud on my shoes. I remembered as a youth growing up at home; I would go up our back steps and wipe the mud off my shoes, and my mother would yell at me.

As I walked in that field crying out to God, I came across a concrete foundation with no building on it. I got on that foundation and being 6'6" (I was like 6'8" with all that mud), I went over to one side of the foundation and started scrapping the mud off my shoes, and God spoke to me and said, "I'm taking your feet out of the miry clay, and I'm setting your feet upon the rock." At that moment there was a jogger that came by on a path not far from the foundation and said, "I saw you out there on that foundation for a long time. It used to be an antenna range used by Texas Instruments." I was all confused. The drugs, the alcohol, the failed marriage, and now God speaking to me.

When I returned home, my wife was moving out.

As I was sitting at my desk in my office, God spoke to me, and He said, "it was Me speaking through that jogger." Jesus was that foundation and had been there for a long time." Next thing, somebody called me on the phone, and said, "Let me pray for you." I don't remember who it was and he said, "I pray a hedge of protection around you in the Name and the blood of Jesus." I could see the face of Jesus on the wall, and in front of me. I went to the bathroom and cried.

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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 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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