

## 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...  
**Unconditional Love**  
**Revelation 12:11**



**Keron Jackson**

I believe every Christian goes through something; there are thousands of non-Christians that go through the same thing. The only difference between us and them is that the problems we face are not larger than the God we serve. I am a witness for the Bible. You are a witness for the Bible. If there was a new Bible written today, would you allow your personal testimony to be in the Bible? The things that help us the most are personal testimonies.

Moses, Abraham, Isaac, Ruth, and Noah had personal testimonies. We all have personal testimonies. Well, my personal testimony starts with actually being homeless and living in a car. I did have a friend named Kevin Hallenburg who was an educator. He was one of those individuals that asked too many questions, and who gets into your business. He realized that I was homeless, and he told me about a school called Panola College. Now I thought who wants to go to college? Well, Panola College had an awesome thing called a cafeteria. I did not get to my present size by not eating. So it was either to live in a car or go to this college that had a cafeteria.

Well, I went and auditioned. Oh yes, they were white people. My audition went something like this, "Romeo, Oh Romeo. Wherefore art thou Romeo?" And he said, "Young man, are you aware that you are reading the wrong part?" But he still gave me a scholarship to Panola Junior College. Well, Kevin Hallenburg called and said, "Hey, there's this kid you should help out." He asked if I wanted to move into his home with him and his wife. He and his wife were white people, and I'm a black person. I was born this way. I moved into their home, and at this time, I was walking around with blinders on.

I didn't care what happened in my life, and I'll get to that later. After I moved in with them, they introduced me to John Cane. Now John Cane was a great guy, and a great spiritual man of God, and He gave me a yard mowing job. Now, I did grow up in the projects, and we didn't cut grass in the projects so when someone tells me to cut grass and you're like "Sure, I'll cut grass," they're like "cut in the square."

Well, that same day, he invited me to Central Baptist Church, and I thought, *church smurch, who wants to go to church?* I didn't want to go to church. I have blamed God for everything that had happened in my life. God and I were not on good terms. But if you're not cutting grass that well and your boss asks you to go to church, you go to church! So I went to church and I was adopted by Sunday school class number twenty three as a project. I went from having no loved ones, and no one that I felt cared about me to having these twenty sets of people who cared in a very, very small town of Carthage, Texas. I was afraid to do anything wrong because I could lose their love.

Well, I believe that every church has a crazy lady. You probably believe the same thing. But at this church, the crazy lady was Lily Marshall, who is absolutely a stone cold fox: an awesome, awesome lady. However, I soon found that she was just the best person that ever walked the planet. She would come up to the dormitory and hang out, and we'd go get something to eat. Once again, I did not get this heavy by not eating.

One day I said, "Hey, what's going on out here? Y'all trying to fatten me up to kill me later?" and she said, "No, we are Christians, this is what we do." That concept changed my whole life. It seemed like a very foreign concept for someone to love me and not expect something back in return. I didn't understand that type of love. Just to love someone as

Where was God? I took my hands off the wheel. On the opposite side of the freeway, there was a tire, and I hit this tire in the middle of the road, and my natural reaction was to jerk the car. Later I ended up safely in Carthage, Texas, and I know that tire was from God even when I didn't know God, and didn't have any hope, God still had a plan for my life during the darkest times and that was pretty much it. I didn't know why I was put on this earth. My parents didn't love me, no one cared about me. I didn't know why, and praise the Lord; I know I'm supposed to do the will of the Father. I came to Christ as I was and this is who I am today. Amen? I give God the praise.

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**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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