

## 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, 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

Revelation 12:11

## God's Promises



Rick Holt

My name is Rick Holt. Since January 1, 2001, I have been a self-employed independent sales contractor with one major client, R & D Marble, Inc. In 2002 the owner of R & D Marble, Inc. and I determined to expand into the chemical distribution business. R & D Distribution was formed and for the past 14 years my primary source of income has been from selling chemical products into the composite industry.

I began my sales career in 1982. To be brutally

honest, the first 14 years were far less than stellar. My personal life and my professional life were filled with anger, massive amounts of alcohol, sexual perversion, and total disregard for relationships of any kind. All that coupled with a driven personality made me appear successful in the work place.

All that changed in November, 1994, when at the tender age of 51, I fell head over heels in love with Jesus and made Him my Lord and my Savior. I say November without a specific day in November because I was so far gone to the wickedness of the world. I actually walked the aisle of the same church on three different Sunday mornings. I was attempting to be sure that I really had been saved and that I now truly belonged to Jesus.

The Holy Spirit was immediately present in my life directing me to begin attending Lakewood Church in Houston, Texas, where I was blessed by the teaching of Pastor John Osteen. I wish I could tell you

that I began to be transformed immediately but frankly I was like the deer in the head lights. I had a 51 year old earthly body and mind, but the spirit of a new born baby. Spiritual seeds had been planted, and I was hearing the voice of the Holy Spirit. He immediately showed me the number of specific times I was on the verge of accepting Jesus as my Lord and Savior only to turn and walk away. In 1975 in Jacksonville, Florida, I attended several Full Gospel Business Men Luncheons where I heard wonderful testimonies from men who had their marriages healed. Their businesses prospered because they had chosen to follow Jesus. Good spiritual seeds were planted, but I chose to walk away and continue to follow the devil. Then in 1988 in Phoenix, Arizona, when a beautiful woman crossed my path, I tried with all my strength to get her to succumb to my fleshly desires only to be combated by her attempts to convince me to invite Jesus into my life. Once again, I chose to walk away with a flippant thought, her loss, not realizing how dangerously close I was to eternal damnation.

It was in early 1995 that I met Alan Clayton while attending a class at Lakewood. Alan was teaching and after class I walked up and introduced myself to Alan with this bold statement, "My name is Rick Holt and I want you to teach me everything I need to know about God." Alan became one of my early mentors. Among the many things he taught me stood out: learn who you are in Christ, be confident in your relationship with Jesus, know that daily you are being transformed into His image, and through Him you have become a child of God.

In June, 1996, Alan and his wife Joy left Lakewood to start The Ark Church in Conroe, Texas. I began attending The Ark church during their third service the third service when the attendance was less than 40. I am still attending and serving as teacher and have become an integral part of the Men's Ministry and the Prayer Ministry with our weekly attendance in excess of 6,000.

It was during my early walk with Jesus in early 1997 that I asked God this question, "What would You have me do?" The Holy Spirit answered with these words, "Rick for the first 51 years of your life you were pretty much a jerk, I want you to try doing things My way, be nice to people, treat them with respect and dignity, love them as I love you." My walk with Jesus has been far from perfect, but I am maturing spiritually, and I can boldly confess that the last 21 years have been far, far better than the first 51.

In late 2009, I received a small book in the mail entitled "God's Promises for You" and inside the book was a 2010 calendar with a scripture for each day of the year, I showed the book to my lovely wife, Linda, with the comment that we should look the scriptures up each day in 2010 as a part of our Bible study. Then I casually flipped the book onto a pile of others to do items on my desk. But God had a better plan and He said, "Why don't you send My promises to some of your friends!" On January 1, 2010, I sent the first Promise out to 25 of my friends. From this meager beginning I now send out God's Promises to approximately 600 each day and many of them forward God's Promises to others in their address book. This obedience has fostered many spiritual relationships as well as wonderful opportunities to pray with others. I invite you to visit [www.fgbt.org](http://www.fgbt.org).

**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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