

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

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

Revelation 12:11

Colonel Sanders Beginning A New Life



Finger Licking Good

Harland Sanders had put several years of back-breaking work into a small motel and restaurant business, a mile and a half north of town. Suddenly the state decided to move the highway seven miles west of town. Colonel Sanders was left high and dry, facing economic strangulation at sixty-five.

Instead, he loaded his car with what he could salvage by way of capital and started out to sell his franchise idea,

which today bears his name and picture coast to coast. His father died when he was five. He says, looking back. "I did the cooking, and Mom did sewing for the neighbors. When I was seven, I baked my first bread. I cared for the two younger siblings while Mother worked." His mother was a God-fearing woman, "We went to Sunday school every Sunday regardless of weather. We walked there and back two and a half miles." Long since, Colonel Sanders has rebuilt the little country church in Southern Indiana as a memorial to his godly mother.

At ten, Sanders was working as a hired hand for a neighbor farmer. At eleven, he was hired by an elderly German at four dollars a month. His employer put three teams in the field and sandwiched young Sanders with a

team, between the front and rear teams. The work was backbreaking, but it built a strong body. The Colonel retains it today. Even now he rises at 4:30AM and works a fourteen-hour day. Every evening there were cows to milk—sixteen of them every night of the week. This kind of education makes a man or an invalid out of you. The Colonel remembers, "I got all the kickers and hard milkers!" All this for four dollars cash a month and you grew up on a diet of cornbread, cottage cheese, and sorghum molasses!

By forty, Sanders had tried his hand at a lot of things—black-smiting, running ferryboats, rail roading, and selling—and he reached a decision that one thing folks had to do was eat. He decided that was where he would sharpen his talents. There had not been much time for formal education. The Colonel realized how much he could have used advanced studies like business administration when he got up into the millions, but he liked to quote, on the other hand, what Will Rogers said: "I don't know what all these college graduates are going to do for jobs if we eighth-grade failures don't take care of them."

So life toughened him! He likes to say, "The Lord kept me on earth either to use me or punish me." And of course, today, he knows why. He looks back and sees how God spared him: "Back in 1924 my home was connected to the highway by a swinging bridge. A few days before Thanksgiving I pulled my son's car to get it started. Suddenly the bridge cables collapsed, and our cars plunged us nearly fifty feet below. There wasn't a spot on my body that wasn't bruised black and blue. I was thrown from the car. The car nosed into the water. Yet I survived without a broken bone.

During World War II, I had a cafeteria at Oak Ridge and another place of business at Corbin," he remembers. I had worked 48 hours or more without sleep. It caught up with me as I drove. I awakened to realize I was headed over a cliff. My car turned over three times, landed right side up next to a creek. And I stepped out without a bruise. I often wondered, 'Why?' "Inside, every man knows whether he is right with his Maker. After he had gained wealth and fame the Colonel was asked to be a delegate for his church denomination, and attend a world conference in Australia. During the trip he turned to his companions and remarked, "If this plane goes down, you

It has been checkered with ups and downs; with struggles, with a share of violence, with gain and with loss, and with satisfying investments of trust in his fellowman. He is glad now for the hard years, poverty-stricken years. They taught him to respect work, and they built for him a strong body that has hardly known a day of sickness. He knows that God saved his life many times for a purpose. He is using his testimony and his resources for that purpose. He laughs when he talks about it, but it reflects his newfound dedication: "You know what they say about me—I came from rags to riches. Well, maybe now I'm on my way back from riches to rags." Seeing the twinkle in his eye, you know his meaning. He has placed his future in the hands of another—a Friend who is guiding him on the rest of the trip.

To read Colonel Sander's full testimony and find more businessmen stories, please visit <http://FGBT.org>

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.

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 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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