

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

Revelation 12:11

Business and Family



Stephen Palmer

My name is Stephen Palmer. I was born September 26, 1955, at Community Hospital in Freeport, Texas, and raised in Angleton, Texas, with my Dad, Mom, three brothers, and one sister. I was the youngest. To know me is to know my family.

As a child, my life was a mixture of love and protection. My Christian mom taught me a multitude of values and morals. She also taught me the value of cooking, picking vegetables in the country and canning. She taught me

how to respect my elders and have faith in God. She shared her love of music by playing the piano.

During Fall of 1960 at First Baptist Church in Angleton, Pastor John L. Sheppard preached a fire and brimstone sermon. The Holy Spirit stirred me to walk down the aisle of that church as I accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior at the altar. Shortly after my conversion I had a vision. I saw myself from behind walking down the aisle. This was confirmation that Jesus saved me. Jesus gave me a voice to sing.

At the age of ten I was singing in musicals at church and school. At eighteen years I had sung in the high school choir for three years and five years in church choirs.

My Dad grew up in the community of Beckham, just north of Sulphur Springs. He was a high school graduate, served in WWII, and became a self-educated business owner/operator of 3 service stations. He moved his service station business to Angleton, Texas.

Our family worked together for my dad at his Texaco service station. I can recall my mom and dad fussing about the price of gasoline jumping from eleven to thirteen cents per gallon. By the time I attended the third grade, my dad's business had expanded across the street into a vacant feed mill store. This was an ideal location for his future Goodyear tire franchise.

In 1963 the old store was torn down and a new metallic building was erected. This new Goodyear store included a showroom floor with a variety of General Electric appliances.

While working for my dad in high school, I learned to operate our service truck and became a seasoned field repairman. After high school, I was hired on fulltime for several years and saved my money. I continued my calling as a youth director. I attended Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas. Several years later I became Vice President of the newly formed Palmer Tire Company, Incorporated.

After 20 years in Angleton, my family purchased two more Goodyear locations. One was in Lake Jackson and the other in Freeport. In 1985 we had an economic crisis and we lost approximately \$150,000 dollars in just eighteen months. By 1992 our once proud business was suffering slow death.

When my dad passed away, our corporation ceased operation. We closed 3 Goodyear stores in May of 1994. All of the property and equipment was sold at auction; but there is a brighter side to my business life.

I started a new career as a printer in Austin, Texas, and moved to Commerce in the fall of 1996. By May of 1997, I had decided to go back to school and get up-to-date business skills as a professional printer. I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mass Media from Texas A&M University-Commerce in the summer of 2002.

By 2004 I was commissioned by KBR to head up a tire maintenance task force in the middle of Iraq for 28 months. I supported fellow tradesmen and troops.

After Iraq, I became a field representative in vehicle marketing and data management for Dealer Specialties in the southern district of Houston including Galveston. I processed pre-owned and new vehicles from a laptop computer.

I have learned to follow God's leading and guidance and receive His provision.

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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 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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