

## 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”

1. Did you know that God has a good gift for you – the Holy Spirit?
2. Would you like to ask God to receive the Holy Spirit – Luke 11:13?
3. Do you believe the Bible is the Word of God?
4. Have you heard of the Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit and that all are in agreement with the Baptism of the Holy Spirit? The Father is the One Who Promised – Acts 1:8. Jesus is the One Who Baptizes us in the Holy Spirit – Luke 3:16. The Holy Spirit is the One who gives us the utterance or the words and that this is the “initial sign” of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit – Acts 2:4.
5. Do you believe that the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is speaking in tongues? – Acts 10:44-46, Acts 19:2-6
6. Would you like to know why the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is important?
  - a. Receive the ability or power of the Holy Spirit – Acts 1:8
  - b. Build up your most holy faith – Jude 1:20
  - c. Edify yourself (give yourself a spiritual battery charge) – 1 Cor. 14:4
  - d. Speak mysteries to God – 1 Corinthians 14:2
  - e. When you don’t know how to pray, the Holy Spirit will pray through you the perfect will of God. (When you pray in other tongues) – Romans 8:26-28
7. How is “Salvation” different than the “Baptism in the Holy Spirit?”

Answer: Jesus described the born again experience as a “fountain of water springing up into everlasting life – John 4:14. Salvation is to benefit the believer. When we are born again the Holy Spirit enters our spirit and assures us of eternal life with God. Jesus describes the Baptism in the Holy Spirit as “rivers of living water flowing out of the heart – John 7:38-39.” The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is to benefit those for whom we minister. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit provides us the power that flows out of our spirit to meet the needs of others.
8. The disciples were in the upper room on the Day of Pentecost and when they were in one accord in one place “they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance – Acts 2:4. Who spoke in other tongues?
9. Do you believe that words are made up of syllables?
10. Will you confess that you have received the Holy Spirit, before you speak in tongues?
11. By faith speak in syllables, and allow the Holy Spirit to have your tongue, to form syllables into a new language or tongue. The Holy Spirit will flow from your heart.
12. Pray for a minute in tongues and stop. The prophet controls his own spirit or his own tongue – 1 Corinthians 14:32.
13. Continue to pray in tongues and worship the Lord.



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## Darkness to Light



Steven Dawson

# Hearing His Voice

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

**Revelation 12:11**

My father was in the Navy and my mother was in the Army, so we moved a lot. My childhood was tough. I never met my father until I was 10 or 12, and he left again around that time. I was heavily involved in gang affiliation. Name the felony, and it was on my rap sheet. It went from gang violence to assault, and gun possession in multiple states. I had been sent to juvenile many times, off and on. My mother had beaten my sisters and me a lot. She had a problem with guns too. The last time she shot at me, she shot the neighbor’s driver window out and they called the police. This last time got me removed permanently and I became a ward of the state.

The people I looked up to were the dope dealers, and they were my family. They were the people who came to my basketball games, and not my father or mother. To be honest, I didn’t care that what they were doing was bad because of the way I felt that they cared for me at that point in time.

One of the last times in Dallas, there was a drug deal that went wrong. I had three different systems operating in the schools, and there was one individual who did not like me moving in on his territory. This guy got one of the women working with me to mention my name as a direct connection and he called the DEA. I got pulled out of computer class in high school and they took me away. What got me locked away was when my mother testified against me. When the judge slammed the gavel and said 4-5 years, I thought this was it. It wouldn’t be just a few months this time.

While in jail, I knew I wasn't getting out anytime soon, so I got my GED. I was in Houston and I was trying to go to chapel service, but couldn't because of my behavior level. There was this guy that came to my cell one day and slid a mini Bible under my door. I started reading it. I can't say at that point in time that I got saved, but I noticed that the only thing that wasn't considered contraband was the Bible. To be honest, I was a person who believed in God, but didn't necessarily believe that it had to be Jesus. I was a very intellectual person who could argue with the best of them. I was thinking, "God knows my heart."

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I was finally able to start going to chapel service and I started listening and learning more. There was a part of me that didn't like how everyone seemed to find religion when they get locked up, and I didn't want to be the stereotype. I wrote my probation officer three or four times hoping they would let me out on a work release program or something. I felt like a failure. Not one of my so called friends who I was doing the wrong things with wrote me one letter. My mother never came to visit me. No one except a friend's mom who came and said, "Steven, I just never really thought that you would become a bad egg." When she said that to me, it really stung. She was coming at me with talk about how by coming to jail already, there was this huge percentage that I would come back again.

I got out, and I joined a church. The only way I was going to change from the things that I used to do is if I replaced it with something, so I replaced it with Jesus. I got saved. I got baptized, and I got filled. I saw God personally for myself. I began to realize that all those times they wouldn't allow me to have anything but the Bible that God was getting my attention. My transition was from being on the street with pimps and prostitutes, selling drugs in the school systems and restaurants, and now I'm on the street preaching Jesus. We're feeding the homeless, and we're praying for people. We're laying hands on the sick. We're talking to them about the deliverance and healing restoration power of Jesus Christ. I don't look down on them at all. I've slept outside. I know what it feels like when everyone else gives up on you. God has given me such a heart and renewed me so that when I reach out and talk to these people and give them food, I know that it's God. I know it's because I met Jesus myself.

I used to put drug money in the collection plate. I was brokering drugs on the street, and now I'm a stockbroker in finance. More importantly, I market Jesus. God has allowed me to talk to that homeless person on the street who slept on the bench and say, "me too." He's allowed me to be able to reach out to that prostitute who's been abused by her pimp and say, "You've been abused? Me too." He's allowed me to talk on a different level with these people and to have a heart for them. It's them that need the gospel, the brokenhearted and the lame. We walk the streets where nobody else wants to go.

*Steven founded Son of David Ministries, reaching out to the homeless community in Dallas, TX with the message of hope in Jesus. For more info, check out [SonOfDavidMinistries.org](http://SonOfDavidMinistries.org)*

**OUR VISION FROM GOD: Men who are spiritually dead are standing shoulder to shoulder across the globe; hear and receive the message of hope, and are 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 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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