

COWBOY CHURCH MINISTRIES

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THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER



In Acts 1:4-5 it says *'And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, "which" He said "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'*

Jesus told His disciples to wait for and receive the "Promise of the Father" which was the gift of the Holy Spirit. In addition to salvation, God wants His people to receive the flooding of their inner beings with the Spirit of God. This is called "the baptism of the Holy Spirit". It is a complete immersion of the human personality into the Spirit of God. Through this complete immersion, the Holy Spirit is allowed to grow into the fullness of His power in a person's life.

Under the Old Covenant, only those uniquely called or anointed of God received the Holy Spirit. Under the New Covenant, every believer is offered the "Promise of the Father" which is "power from on high," or the active presence of the Holy Spirit (Luke 24:49). It is by this activity of the Spirit's fullness in the life of every believer that the ministry of Christ in His church continues. The

power of God comes only by the Holy Spirit. Acts 1:8 says, *"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."* There is no other way to appropriate this power.

Once you have been born again, you can then seek and receive baptism in the Holy Spirit. After you receive it, it is important to remember that being filled with the Spirit is not a one-time event. Continually being re-filled with the Spirit renews your life and ministry. It is also important to exercise your prayer language as a part of the Spirit's flow. Acts 2:4 *And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance";* Acts 4:8 *Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel";* Acts 13:9 *"Then Saul, who also [is called] Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him."*

A Spirit-filled relationship with Jesus helps us to speak boldly, with courage, and with spiritual understanding through the Holy Spirit. Acts 4:13 *"Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus."* As you expect that courage and spiritual understanding to

come, you will be ready to share Jesus boldly, always asking the Holy Spirit to confirm your testimony Acts 10:44-45 *"While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also."*

Jesus said *"but it is yours to receive the Spirit's power!"* With that statement He makes three points.

1) The Holy Spirit is the Person and the Power by which assistance and ability are given for serving and for sharing the life of God with others.

2) The Holy Spirit's Power must be received; it is not an automatic experience. As surely as the Holy Spirit indwells each believer, Romans 8:9 *"But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His."*, so He will fill and overflow John 7:37-39 *"On the last day, that great [day] of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will Flow Rivers of living water. But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet [given], be-*

Jesus told His disciples to wait for the "Promise of The Father"...

cause Jesus was not yet glorified. Each one who receives the Holy Spirit in child like faith?"

3) When the Holy Spirit fills you, you will know it. Jesus said it and the disciples found it true Acts 1:5 "for John truly baptized with water, but you shall

baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." Acts 2:1-4 "When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and [one] sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

Have you received the baptism of the Holy Spirit? Acts 19:1-6 "it happened, while Apollo's was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism." Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." When they heard [this], they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied."

You may, for the Promise belongs as much to you as it has to other generations. Acts 2:38-39 "Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name

of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." Luke 9:1-2 "Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick." Luke 11:9-13 "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if [he asks] for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will [your] heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

It is a simple thing to receive, no different than receiving salvation. It is a free gift from God, and all you must do is ask for it Luke 11:9-13. Just as you received the gift of salvation, you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Just pray this prayer and receive the promise by faith, "Father I see in Your Word the Promise of the Gift of the Holy Spirit. I ask now that you fill me with your Spirit and give me a prayer language that comes from the Holy Spirit, to pray through me. I receive these now by faith and Thank You for them. In Jesus Name and By His Blood. Amen"

Now that you have prayed this prayer, just as you prayed to receive Jesus as your Savior and Lord, you have received the Promise of The Father (and been filled with the Holy Spirit). As you have words that you don't recognize

come into your mind, you must use your own voice to express them. That is your prayer language. As you pray in your prayer language, which is also known as "praying in tongues," that language will cause you to be built up in your spirit man just as Paul talked about in 1 Corinthians 14:14-15 'For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.' This prayer



language is for your spirit man to talk to God through His Spirit. Your spirit man also "builds himself up at the same time." Jude 1:20 'But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit'

Dave

Kathleen's Korner

Sacrifice and Friendship

"I have called you friends ..." (John 15:15).

We will never know the joy of self-sacrifice until we surrender every detail of our lives to our Father. Yet self-surrender is the most difficult thing for us to do. We make it conditional by saying, "I'll surrender if ...!" Or we approach it by saying, "I suppose I have to devote my life to God." We will never find the joy of self-sacrifice in either of these ways. As soon as we do totally surrender, abandoning ourselves to Jesus, the Holy Spirit gives us a taste of His joy. The ultimate goal of this self-sacrifice is to lay down our lives for our Friend. John 15:13–14 says ¹³*Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.* ¹⁴*You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.* When the Holy Spirit comes into our lives, our greatest desire is to lay down our lives for Jesus. But the thought that it is self-sacrifice never even crosses our minds, because sacrifice is the Holy Spirit's ultimate expression of love.

Our Lord is our example of a life of self-sacrifice, and He perfectly exemplified Psalm 40:8, "I delight to do your will, O my God" He endured tremendous personal sacrifice with overflowing joy. I ask myself, "Have I ever yielded in absolute submission to Jesus Christ?" If He is not the One to whom I am looking daily for direction and guidance, then there is no benefit in any sacrifice. But when my sacrifice is made with my eyes focused on Him, slowly but surely His molding influence becomes evident in my life (see Hebrews 12:1–2). ¹*Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,* ²**looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.**

Beware of letting your natural desires hinder your walk in love before God. One of the cruelest ways to kill natural love is through the rejection that results from having built the love on natural desires. But the one **true** desire of a saint is the Lord Jesus. Therefore, love for God is not something sentimental or emotional, built on natural desires. For a saint to love as God loves is the most practical thing imaginable. *"I have called you friends ..."* Our friendship with Jesus is based on the new life He created in us. This new life has no resemblance or attraction to our old life, only to the life of God. It is a life that is completely humble, pure, and devoted to God.

The same sacrifice and devotion found in our friendship with God should be a part of all of our relationships and our every day lives. Rarely is found in us, though, because we are not taught how. We must learn to make the translation. In other words, receive friendship from God and translate that same type of friendship into all of our relationships. It is one thing to receive, but quite another to give!

Kathleen



Glen & Ann Smith



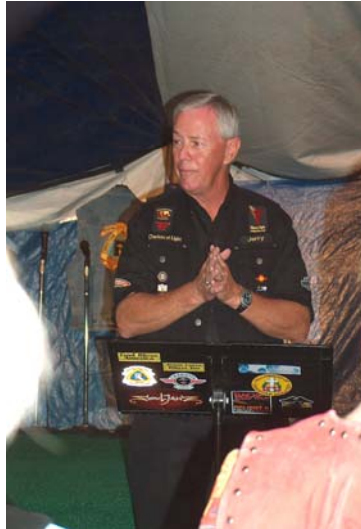
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Jerry Sevell at a Chariots Rally



Billy Estridge



Young Pro Team /Jeff & Carol



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Matt Tyler & Kory Koontz



June 2005 Itinerary

- 2-5 USTRC Madonna Inn
San Luis Obispo, CA Church 8 AM
- 2-5 USTRC Red Rock Gallup, NM
Church 7 AM (associate ministry)
- 5-10 Chariots of Light Arizona Tour
- 22-26 NRCHA Derby Aged Event
Paso Robles, CA Church 7 AM
- 22 Bible Study Valley Springs, CA
7 PM
- 7 & 21 Bible Study Los Lunas, NM
7 PM in room 126 Comfort Inn

July

- 26-July 3 Booger Barter Glen Rose,
TX Church 7 AM both weeks
- July 2-5 USTRC West Coast
Regional Finals Paso Robles,
CA Church 7 AM

**Any questions about itinerary
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Partner Letter

Spring is fast turning into summer, and the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit is becoming stronger every day!

We've just finished an outreach at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina at Bike Week. It was an outreach that had great results! We saw people come to know Jesus as their Savior, and we were also able to encourage other people that were already believers. Sometimes we as believers can become so busy winning people to Jesus that we forget what He told us to do in Matt 28:18 *"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

We have a brand new web-site! Paul said to be all things to all men, so we have created a web-site for the motorcycle ministry. The web address is www.chariotsweatherford.org. Also check out the new look of www.cowboychurchministries.org. We are so excited with the changes!

We are currently working on an arena at our office in Texas, where we will soon have Rodeo Bible Camps. We hope to have the first one this fall. Please believe with us for the finances and the volunteers to help finish this project quickly. We are so excited about these camps becoming a reality; as they are part of the vision that God gave us for Cowboy Church Ministries sev-

eral years ago.

As you are reading this, we will be in Paso Robles, California for the National Reined Cow Horse Association Derby Aged Event. Church at NRCHA events is growing with each show that we go to. We are also now on their web-site for each of the shows under "Cowboy Church." Praise the Lord!

We are gearing up for tent ministry for the balance of 2005. The tent has been cleaned and is presently back at Miami Gospel Tent Co. for some needed repairs.

David JR graduated from Rhema Bible School at the end of May. He, Rachel and Caleb (see picture on page 7) will be going to Arizona with another couple to start a work there. Seems like Caleb was just born yesterday, yet he turns 2 this month! Kathleen and I will be attending some continuing education at Rhema for 4 days this month. This will be a time of refreshing for us, as well as getting to see them again before they leave the first of July for AZ.

We Praise the Lord and pray for you, our Partners of this ministry, each day. Remember as you are praying for us and the harvest field that our Father is sending us together—add your faith with ours for that 200 new partners this year so together we may reach many more!

Dave & Kathleen



Dave & Kathleen at a Bike Rodeo as Kathleen tries to bite a hot dog hanging on a string covered with cheese.



A group ready for a ride and a day of outreach.



David, Rachel and Caleb



HAPPY MUM'S DAY



The Gang on our Caddo Lake trip last month. A marriage was restored & minds were renewed. Come with us next year. Your cell phone wont work!



Kevin Smith practicing for when he gets his motorcycle. Carl got a little tickled at the site

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