

Three Basic Experiences Overview

Experience	Purpose	How to Seek	Comparison	What You Experience	Your Life After Receiving
<p>Salvation</p> <p>Words that mean the same thing: born again, redeemed, converted, justified, and saved</p>	<p>To receive forgiveness for sins.</p> <p>To avoid eternal death and have the promise of eternal life in Heaven to look forward to.</p> <p>To bring spiritual life.</p>	<p>Admit that you have sinned and need God's help.</p> <p>Be truly sorry for the sins you have committed, and ask God to forgive you.</p> <p>Determine that with God's help you are going to turn away from all sin.</p> <p>Believe that Jesus died for you, and that He will hear your prayer and save you.</p>	<p>Like dumping dirt out of a vase.</p> <p>Like chopping off a weed in the garden.</p>	<p>God's Spirit lets you know in your heart that you are a child of God, and that you have been saved.</p> <p>You feel peaceful inside; a new joy comes into your heart.</p> <p>You see immediate changes in your life. Sinful habits disappear and even your desires change.</p>	<p>Sin is not a part of a Christian's life. With God's help, you can live without sinning.</p> <p>You want to apologize for and make right any wrong deeds in your past whenever that is possible.</p> <p>Just as a newborn baby is hungry, you are spiritually hungry. You want to read your Bible, pray, and attend church.</p> <p>You want to draw closer to God and to safeguard this joyful experience. To do so, begin to seek to be sanctified.</p>
<p>Sanctification</p> <p>Words that mean the same thing: holiness, and heart purity</p>	<p>To make your heart pure and holy by removing the inward tendency toward sin.</p> <p>To set you apart as belonging to God.</p>	<p>You must be saved before seeking sanctification.</p> <p>God wants a complete submission of your soul, mind, body, and spirit. Ask Him to accept the offering of your life and service.</p> <p>Separate yourself from the world and determine to shun every appearance of evil. Set yourself apart to serve God.</p> <p>Ask God to cleanse your heart and make you holy—to sanctify you.</p>	<p>Like washing the vase to make it spotless.</p> <p>Like removing the root of a weed.</p>	<p>God lets you know in your heart that you have been sanctified. There is a great joy and a deep feeling of purity and cleansing.</p> <p>The nature of sin is removed. This is more than just a good prayer meeting.</p> <p>You will have a deeper desire to guard your heart from the sinful things of the world.</p> <p>Your desire and motive will be to always please God.</p>	<p>It is easier to live a joyous, victorious Christian life.</p> <p>You will still have temptation and trials come at you from outside, but the struggle from the inside is gone because the inward tendency toward sin is gone.</p> <p>Continue to grow and mature in your walk with God and seek to be baptized with the Holy Ghost.</p>
<p>Baptism of the Holy Ghost</p> <p>Words that mean the same thing: baptism of the Holy Spirit, empowered, and filled</p>	<p>To make you a powerful and more effective servant of God.</p> <p>To be in tune to the direct leading of the Holy Spirit.</p>	<p>You must be saved and sanctified before seeking for the baptism of the Holy Ghost.</p> <p>Recognize that there is a great need in your life for God's power.</p> <p>Sincere prayer and consecration are necessary to receive this gift.</p> <p>Praise God for what He has done for you. Rather than just asking over and over, focus on rejoicing in Him!</p>	<p>Like pure, clean water filling the clean vase.</p> <p>Like aligning two pipes (one being your life, and the other God's will) so the Holy Spirit can flow freely into and through you.</p>	<p>When the "filling" of God's Spirit takes place, the outward evidence will be that of speaking in tongues. This is speaking in a real language you never learned. It is not gibberish, talking quickly, saying repetitive phrases, or simply making noises, but speaking an actual language sent by the Holy Spirit.</p>	<p>God's Spirit dwells within you. He is a source of power that gives you guidance, comfort, instruction, and a desire to share the Gospel.</p> <p>Once you have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, there are many additional learning experiences and blessings still ahead for you. Continue to seek God. Ask Him to help you to learn and grow in your Christian life.</p>