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ASK AND YOU WILL RECIEVE

By Vince Dorazio

In the early 1970's when the Charismatic Renewal was first getting started in the Catholic Church, there were many Charismatic Prayer Meetings rising up almost everywhere. There were no programs or Life In The Spirit Seminars. Those people who wanted to receive a new fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit in their life usually attended a Charismatic Prayer Meeting. It was here that they saw and heard the praise and worship and testimony of many people glorifying God in the name of Jesus Christ and in the Holy Spirit. They saw the Holy Spirit power in other people, so they asked "**How do I get what you got?**"

Usually, several people would gather around them and, lay their hands on them and pray for the Holy Spirit to descend on them. Many times the person would receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and begin praising God in tongues. This



may sound strange to some today, but back then it was always expected. Sometimes it didn't happen immediately, but many times it happened within a week afterwards. One thing for certain, it

always happened! There was a desire and eagerness to renew their lives in the Lord Jesus and receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Some people tell me that was a different time and a different era and the Holy Spirit was more active in those days. **But that's not true. God has not changed --- people have changed. The Holy Spirit is just as active today as in the beginning of the Charismatic Renewal.**

There were no practice sessions of how to pray in the Spirit; it just happened. It happened in the same way as when St. Peter went to see the Gentile Cornelius. The Holy Spirit descended upon Cornelius and his whole household because he had a desire and eagerness to renew his life. (See Acts 10:44-49)

This is what Jesus said to His disciples **"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"** (Luke 11:9-13)

We will soon be celebrating the feast day of Pentecost,

the time when the Holy Spirit descended upon **ALL** mankind. On that first Day Of Pentecost the disciples went into the streets of Jerusalem and began telling everyone they saw that Jesus is the Messiah; the Christ; the One they have been waiting for. Many of the crowd saw the power of the Holy Spirit for the first time and wanted what the Disciples had, they asked, **"What are we to do?" Peter [said] to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."** (Acts 2:38)

It is recorded that as many as 3,000 received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit that day!

wife, he wonders why this hasn't happened to him also. After some more trials, he makes a personal spiritual decision to ask Jesus to renew his life and receives the Baptism of the Holy Spirit!

After reading this book, I was excited and wanted what Pat Boone had; the Holy Spirit. I went back to Dave, my business client, and asked him, "How do I get what Pat Boone got?" "Where do I go?" "Who do I see?" Dave told me that I had to go to Jesus and ask Him, and I will receive the Holy Spirit. I struggled with that answer for quite a while before I finally made that Personal Spiritual Renewal in my life and received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit!

For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. (Lk 11:10)

PERSONAL RENEWAL

There comes a time in everyone's life that a decision of "personal spiritual renewal" is necessary. In my case, it came in the early 1970's. A business client gave me a book, titled "A New Song", written by Pat Boone, singer/entertainer of the 1950's & 1960's. Boone describes his troubled life in his marriage, career and religious life. When he sees the personal renewal in his

Baptism Of The Holy Spirit

When we in the Charismatic Renewal speak of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, we are not referring to the Baptism we received as an infant or the Confirmation at a later year. Yes, we did receive the Holy Spirit at this time, but for many, the Holy Spirit laid dormant in our lives, so a personal spiritual renewal is necessary. Our lives will be renewed in the Holy Spirit and Fire, and we

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will receive the Gifts of God's Holy Spirit in the same way as the Apostles and Disciples did on that Day Of Pentecost; we will be able to praise and worship God in a new gift of tongues as the Holy Spirit prompts us!

In closing, I leave you with this following Scripture from Acts. *"While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul traveled through the interior of the country and came (down) to Ephesus where he found some disciples. He said to*

them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They answered him, "We have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." He said, "How were you baptized?" They replied, "With the baptism of John." Paul then said, "John baptized with a baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

And when Paul laid [his] hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied."

(Acts 19:1-6)

So the question remains today, **DID YOU RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT WHEN YOU BECAME A BELIEVER?**

**GO AHEAD;
ASK AND YOU
WILL RECEIVE!**

*The primary purpose of this newsletter is to proclaim that
Jesus Is Lord!*



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Reminder

**PEOPLE OF JOY
CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING**

THURSDAYS --- 7:30 PM

**ST. ALBERT THE GREAT CATHOLIC
CHURCH (Social Hall)**

**3200 East 29 Street, Mpls MN
(Enter 32 Ave Door)
Handicap Accessible
(1 Block North of E. Lake St.)**

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS EVENT

Disciplines Of A Disciple

Presented By Vince Dorazio & Mark Bjorkstrand

SATURDAY MARCH 26, 2016 9 AM - NOON

**St. Albert's Catholic Church (Social Hall)
3200 East 29 St. Mpls (Enter 32 Ave side door)
Handicap Elevator by St Albert Statue**

- **5 Point Characteristics of a Disciple**
- **Come share your thoughts and comments**
- **Open Discussion on Discipleship**
- **Refreshments Served**
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