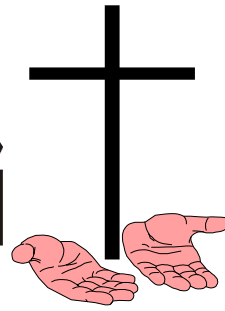


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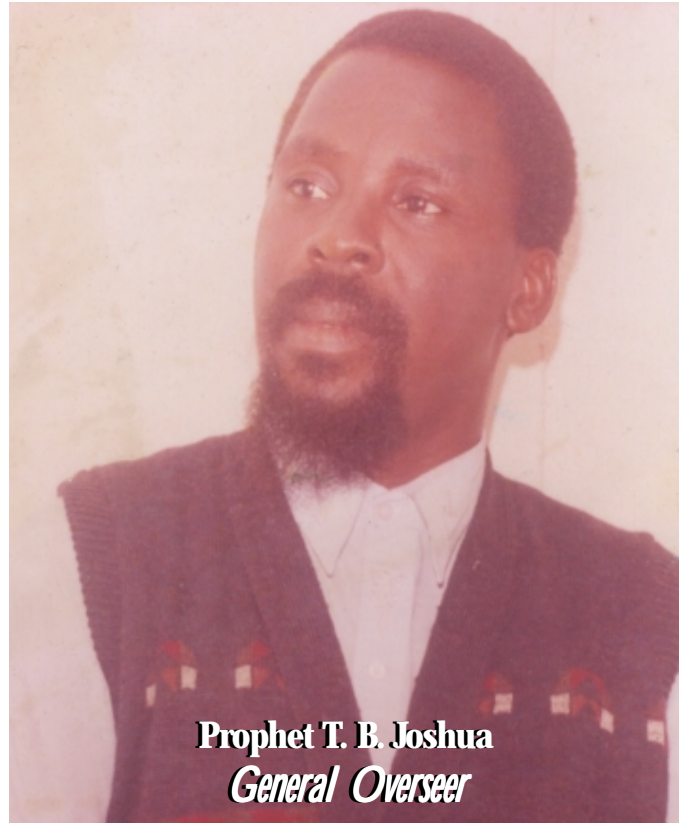
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HOLY SPIRIT, THE GIVER OF LIFE

FATHER, we thank You for giving us the grace to partake in Your blessings and promises. Holy Spirit of faith, we thank You for forgiving our doubting. Holy Spirit of Hope, we thank You for forgiving our self-pity. Holy Spirit, take more of us and give us more of Yourself in the mighty Name of Jesus Christ Amen.

Why do you need to be baptised in the Holy Ghost? From recent happenings, it is very easy to discover how much the entire world lacks the Holy Spirit. Here and there, you find many people going about with claims of being

born again without being baptised in the Holy Ghost. If you are a christian baptised in the Holy Ghost, the Bible says that you are not alone but that you are the focus of everything the Holy Ghost does. Looking at the matter deeply, you can easily understand that the Holy Ghost is the Life of our Lord Jesus



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Christ, and the life of a christian comes from Christ Himself.

Apostle Paul recognised the importance of the Holy Ghost in the life of a christian, hence he asked the disciples he met at Ephesus if they had received the Holy Spirit when they believed (Acts 19:1-6). Jesus Christ referred to the Holy Spirit as another Comforter (John 14:16). The apostles knew Jesus Christ as they knew the Holy Ghost, because the two are much alike and inseparable. Jesus Christ sent the Holy Ghost unto the disciples as “Another Comforter.” In a sense, the Holy Spirit was to take the place of Jesus Christ who was the First Comforter. Are you a christian without the baptism of Holy Ghost? Further still, is it really possible for one to be baptised in the name of



The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me Life (Job 33:4).

the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, yet not receive the gift of Holy Ghost?

There is no way you can be a good christian without being baptised in the Holy Ghost. He is the articulate and brilliant author of the Holy Bible. The holy men of God were carried along by the Holy Ghost as they spoke the word that came from God Almighty (*II Peter 1 :21*). Jesus Christ never spoke a word without Holy Ghost. He Said, ***“The word that I speak unto you, they are Spirit and Life”*** (*John 6:63*). If you are not baptised in the Holy Ghost, there is no way you can live to overcome sin and grow in the Lord, because the Holy Spirit is the means of growth in our christian life. Satan comes to kill, steal and destroy what people have laboured to gather together.

In the world today, people are given to labouring and gathering in barns and yet not given the grace to enjoy the fruits of their labour. This is sure not the work of God. Anyone who desires a good life must be baptised in the Holy Ghost, because the Holy Ghost is the secret of a good life. Everyone cherishes a good life. You could have money, property, education, children, fame and honour in the society. All these do not immediately translate into a good life. What constitutes a good life is the peace and comfort that comes from God Almighty, because the position of God in the life of a true christian is peace and comfort. What then should you do in order to have peace and comfort?

Everyday you are in the house of God only to offer petitional prayers instead of coming to the presence of God for thanksgiving. You should come to the presence of God to give thanks to Him amidst praises and worship. You do not thank or praise God because you lack the requisite confidence towards Him. When you remember your transgressions, you are prone to always ask for forgiveness and divine pardon each time you want to meet God in prayer. Your guilt constantly robs you of that

confidence which should herald thanksgiving. You are in the house of God to obtain something from God. Remember, what you are asking for now has been given to you many times over and each time, you received the blessings, you could not maintain the gift. Today, it is like you have never received any blessing in your life. God created you with a perfect body, but today, what is happening to your health? A photocopy - an imperfect body riddled with sickness, disease and affliction. You were once blessed with riches, position and honour, but today you have become a pernicious wretch. You were blessed with children, but today they have become wayward and source of sorrow to the family. In your business, you once flourished, but today, through your indulgences and laxity, you have become a nervous wreck. Everything around you has become a source of sorrow and sore-mind. Under this circumstance you have no other option but to come to the church and lay your petition before the Lord, realising that the only thing you need to overcome all these problems is the Holy Spirit. He is the secret of a good life. This further stresses the need to be baptised in the Holy Ghost.

When you are baptised in the Holy Ghost, you will preach, teach, pray and fast in the power of Holy Ghost and experience results. Anybody can preach, teach, pray or fast, but not everybody can do these in the Power of Holy Ghost and produce effects. If you are not baptised in the Holy Ghost, you can preach, teach, pray or fast but your prayers or preaching cannot go beyond your lips. Consider the amount of prayers you have been rendering; if they have been receiving the desired answers from God, your situation would have been improved by now. You pray as if you are not praying. It is like the more you pray, the greater the afflictions, nightmares and problems you encounter. What is the cause of this? It is true that you attend church regularly, pay tithes and dues promptly, work tirelessly in the church, bear christian titles/names, speak in tongues,

pray and fast endlessly, preach/teach the word of God flawlessly and quote Bible portions effortlessly. Upon all these, you are still being tormented by satan. This shows that God's service is more than all these.

What then must you do in order to be saved? The Bible teaches us that ***“Except a man is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. ...Except a man is born of water and Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God”*** (John 3:3-5). The Holy Ghost is the means of leading the sinner to be baptised in water into one body of Christ and at the same time, in the same experience, we are made to drink or partake of the Spirit. When you are baptised in the Holy Spirit, you are born of the Spirit. When you are born of the Spirit, you are born again. Knowledge of the scriptures, education, speaking skills, ability to inspire people and speak in tongues are not the criteria for baptism in water. The agent of baptism in water is Holy Ghost. If you do not meet the condition given in God's word for salvation and you receive baptism, you incur curses upon your own head. In other words when you have not yet departed from the acts of sinful nature, and you are baptised in water, you can imagine the much curses you receive thereby. If you are not led by the Holy Ghost, the Bible says, you can easily know. When you are not born of the Spirit and you pretend, your hypocrisy will be exposed in times of great challenges. This was the case when the seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish high priest, went around praying for people, casting out demons in the name of Jesus Christ without the requisite tool of Holy Spirit. ***“...One day, the evil spirit answered them, ‘Jesus I know, and Paul I know; who are you [by what authority]?’ And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, mastered all of them and overpowered them,...”***(Acts 19:13-16). This is exactly the case many of you are facing today as you go to witness for Christ in word only without life. By the time he questions your

authority, your hollowness is exposed. This is why satan torments you each time you frighten him with the name of Christ. If you are witnessing for Christ and still experiencing the symptoms of natural circumstance instead of prosperity and good health, know that you are witnessing for Him without life. When you are with the authority of Christ, you with Him are a majority; you are in His mind at all times: ***“He will not let your foot slip, He who watches over you will not slumber. Indeed He who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep”*** (Psalm 121:3).

Are you in majority with God? From where do you derive your authority? These are the questions the evil spirit is asking you today. Like the seven sons of Sceva, you are going about preaching, teaching and witnessing for Christ without being baptised in the Holy Spirit. In doing this, you receive attacks and you are brought down by the same satan you rebuke, bind and cast in your prayers. Since you are not baptised in the Holy Ghost, there is no way you can triumph or overcome in times of crises, temptation and trials. This explains why many of you attract more troubles, afflictions, curses and failures unto yourself as you profess Christ without being led by the Holy Ghost. When you witness for Christ and perform other christian services without the baptism of Holy Ghost, the more you do, the more you experience diminishing returns until you are completely brought down. Success entails doing what benefits one with joy, and when you enjoy success in whatever you do, you are encouraged to do more.

If you say you know Jesus Christ you must also know the Holy Ghost, because if you know Jesus without knowing the Holy Ghost, it means that your conversion is questionable. If you fall in love with Christ in the Power of Holy Ghost, you will receive the Life that comes from Christ Himself. By Life, I mean a prosperous life with peace and comfort of God Almighty. As you are in love with Christ, ***“No***

temptation will overtake you except what is common to man. God is faithful and He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear, but when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it” (1Cor. 10:13). When you are baptised in the Holy Ghost, you might still be tempted, but God’s Love will see you through. When you are tempted, He promised to see you through. Jesus Christ Himself was tempted, but Jehovah God saw Him through. *(Matt.4:1-7).* Crises and afflictions may test, but they cannot destroy or impair you - they are meant to improve you, because trials are the soil in which faith flourishes. If you have been seen through temptations, your situation today would have been improved. The Bible says that when you are baptised in the Holy Ghost, Jesus is for you; He is on your side and He will see you through, because He deserves your best. If you say you are baptised in the Holy Ghost, why has He not been helping and seeing you through tribulations and temptations? The evidence of baptism in one’s life is the Power to resist and overcome sin, temptation, crises, and natural circumstance during perilous times.

You claim to be born again, but the question now is, did you receive the Holy Ghost when you believed? If not, you can never enjoy the peace and comfort which reside in Christ Jesus. You can be very rich, have property and children without the baptism of Holy Ghost.

Even then, you will lack peace and comfort, because there is no short-cut to this. Your knowledge of the scriptures, speaking skill, ability to inspire and attract people, imposing personality, position, education, bearing of titles and having branches everywhere are not short-cuts to peace and comfort. You can have all these, yet lack the desired peace and comfort. **No Holy Ghost, no peace and comfort. In other words, peace and comfort is another name for Holy Ghost. The position of God Almighty in the life of any christian is peace and comfort.**

God’s Word cannot become blessing, victory, healing, Power and deliverance to your soul, spirit and body unless it is provided by the Holy Ghost. Without the baptism of Holy Ghost you cannot pray, fast, preach/teach in the Power of Holy Ghost. The Bible says that the Holy Ghost provides God’s Word which is proclaimed by men of God and other believers. Any time you mention the Holy Ghost you are referring to the Life of our Lord Jesus Christ, and you need to be baptised in the Holy Ghost in order to obtain this Life of Christ. If you want to be like Jesus Christ and do everything as He would have done, you need to be baptised in the Holy Ghost.

I leave you here in faith, praying that God grant us the grace to receive the peace of God in Jesus Christ’s Name.Amen.

Note: Before filling your prayer request and petitions, read the prayerful words of encouragement below:

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

- 1. God made Daniel, the slave, a leader.*
- 2. God looked at David, the shepherd boy, and saw in him a king.*
- 3. Moses was a murderer and God saw in him a deliverer.*
- 4. God looked at the barren woman called Hannah and saw in her the mother of a great Prophet.*
- 5. In his nineties, Abraham was childless and God saw in him the father of nations.*
- 6. God changed Saul, the persecutor, to Paul, the Apostle.*

Please God, look at me a sinner, forgive me my sins, have mercy on my petition and grant my request before you. If God could turn Moses, the murderer, into a deliverer and also wipe away tears of barrenness from Hannah’s eyes; if God could bless poor Jabez, God can also turn around the situation of my life today in Jesus’ Name, Amen. (Mal. 3:6 and Heb. 13:8).

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