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The Voice of the Holy Ghost – The Baptism of the Holy Ghost | Pastor Louis Holtzhausen

Welcome and Connect –

Welcome First Time Visitors! Icebreaker

- Homecell leaders, use this opportunity to do a fun ice breaker to make the new people feel right at home! Remember not to put new people on the spot!

Praise and Worship

Sing at least 1 dynamic Praise song and 2 intimate Worship songs! As leaders, we set the pace for Praise and Worship, lead by example with confidence!

Engage – The Word

Tonight we are concluding the phenomenal series titled 'The Voice of the Holy Ghost' Pastor Louis has been busy with over the last few weeks, Homecell leaders, share the link below if there are members who would like to listen to the series from the beginning.

<https://soundcloud.com/crc-potchefstroom>

Read | Acts 1:8

Remember our theme – You ARE a spirit, you HAVE a soul and you LIVE in a body.

Tonight we are speaking about the following:

1. The deposit of the Holy Ghost
2. The baptism of the Holy Ghost
3. The Gifts of the Holy Ghost

Family, we have to understand what the Bible teaches about the Holy Ghost and how He speaks to us!

To recap last week's message – The Holy Ghost was sent to help us get Kingdom business done here on the earth, to help us with the great commission!

Ask God to give you wisdom, understanding and revelation concerning these scriptures tonight, because if you get this, it will change your life!

Read | John 16:7

- 1. The deposit of the Holy Ghost.**

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Read John 3:1-7

- We must be born again!
- Water – this refers to the physical birth; and also the water baptism.
- Spirit – this refers to receiving a new spirit, becoming a new creation, the born again you!

You cannot be part of God's kingdom if you have not been born again spiritually!

Ask yourself: Have you received salvation? Have you received Jesus? Have you laid down your life and took up the life of Jesus?

Religion, your intellect and your denomination can't save you! At the end of Homecell there will be an opportunity for you to lay down your life and receive salvation!

When salvation happens, God send the Holy Ghost into your spirit as a deposit or a seal!

- Deposit: a sum payable as a first instalment on the purchase of something or as a pledge for a contract, *the balance being payable later*.
- Seal: a device or substance that is used to join two things together so as to prevent them from coming apart or to prevent anything from passing between them.

Read | Ephesians 1:13-14 & romans 8:15-16

Ask: What happens when we get saved?

- We receive the Holy Ghost as a seal!
- He now witnesses that we are children of God, this is our guarantee that we will go to heaven!

2. The baptism of the Holy Ghost.

After we get saved, Jesus instructs us to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

- This is not a deposit.
- This has to do with empowerment!
- This is the power of God in us, on us and around us!
- This is something we must pursue and hunger after!

Read | Acts 1:8

- The baptism of the Holy Ghost is God EMPOWERING us!
- This is where a supernatural power moves into a natural body – the result is supernatural things happening to a natural body!

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Read | Acts 2:1-6

Which two things happened when they got filled with the Holy Ghost?

- Tongues of fire sat on them.
- They spoke with other tongues.

3. The gifts of the Holy Ghost!

Read | Acts 10:44-48

- Every time when people were filled with the Holy Ghost people spoke in tongues!

Homecell leaders: Go listen to the testimony Pastor Louis shared about the Russian Interpreter and share this testimony with the Homecell.

The reason for the baptism in Acts 2 was for the preaching of the gospel so that people could understand and get saved! There was no interpretation given during the second baptism, the Bible said that they spoke in tongues and magnified God!

Ask: What happened during these two days?

Family, this is a much debated topic in society today, and it doesn't have to be! The Bible has been written so that we can understand! Let's clarify this tonight:

- People say that not everyone can speak in tongues, that only some can.
- With this mind-set we are keeping people from being baptised in the Holy Ghost!

Read | 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

- The Holy Ghost gives these gifts to some of us to serve in the Body (the Church) – the context of the book of Corinthians is Paul setting the church in order!

But what did Jesus say?

Read | Mark 16:15-18

Ask: According to Jesus, believers will have power to do what?

- Cast out devils – which is discerning of spirits.
- Speak with tongues.
- Be supernaturally protected – gift of faith, etc.
- And heal the sick – gift of healing/miracles.

Ask: Who is right here? Paul or Jesus?

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- Context is key! Paul addresses the order in the church (corporate); while Jesus addresses the believer as a witness (individual)!

Family, as believers, each of us has received all of the gifts of the Holy Ghost (the FULL Holy Ghost) – it's not like some received the Holy Ghost of tongues and others received the Holy Ghost of wisdom!

- Because we have the Holy Ghost, the Holy Ghost can administer ANY gift through us for the profit of someone else!
- Jesus said that all these signs will follow us! We therefore need all of the gifts so that we can be powerful witnesses!
- Paul said that when you come to church the Holy Ghost will work through different people for the profit of all!

Let's take a quick look at tongues!

There are two different types of tongues:

1. The gift of tongues.
 - The gift of tongues will be required when God wants to give a supernatural word to people/the congregation or people of foreign tongues.
2. Prayer of tongues.
 - This we can access any time to pray.

Read | 1 Corinthians 14:2 & 4

- Speaking to God is prayer, speaking to people is ministry.

Read | 1 Corinthians 14:14-15

- This is once again referring to praying in the spirit, your prayer language.

Read | 1 Corinthians 14:39-40

Please read and understand this chapter! We need to understand that two different types of tongues are addressed in chapter 14 family.

- Speaking in tongues for ministry (for the people) – this is where interpretation is needed.
- Praying in tongues (to God) – only God understands you!

Christian, when you pray in tongues you edify yourself! Your mind is unfruitful and God then speaks to your spirit man giving your revelation and instruction!

Before we get to the baptism of the Holy Ghost, we need to give you an opportunity to return to God!

Alter Call:

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- The Gospel is the power unto salvation for those who believe!
- You must be born again to receive the deposit of the Holy Spirit!
- God must give you a new Spirit, and this is your opportunity to repent and to give your life back to Jesus!
- If you are sitting here tonight and you realise that you've drifted away from God and the things of God, you are no longer living a life of purpose and power, it's time to turn away from the old and turn toward Jesus!
- Receive salvation as you open up your heart to Jesus Christ right now!

Works and Application

- **The baptism of the Holy Spirit:**

Read / Luke 11:10-13

You received a deposit of the Holy Ghost when you by faith, believed with your heart and confessed that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior! The baptism of the Holy Ghost you must ASK for!

Don't be afraid that God will give you a demon when you ask for the Holy Spirit!

Leaders full of faith and full of fire – Lay hands on the members, praying and believing with them for the baptism of the Holy Ghost!

Announcements

1. **CRC Potchefstroom Church Services** – Invite your world and join us with for our LIVE Sunday Celebration service with Pastor Louis Holtzhausen at 08:30 and for our evening service with Pastor At Boshoff at 18:00 at the Church!
2. **Mass Baptism** – 2022 is a year of many, many breakthroughs! Join us as for our upcoming baptism Sundays: 27 February, as you are set free from anything holding you down, rededicating your life to Jesus and stepping into the freedom and blessings that God has for you! More information to follow.

Family this Sunday will be your last opportunity to get baptised at church! Baptism is a sign of repentance, turning away from your old life into the new. Don't miss this opportunity, speak to your Homecell leader if you want to get baptised this Sunday!

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3. **New members Orientation** – Those who are planted in the house of the Lord will flourish! Join us next week Tuesday here at the church at 18:30 for our New Members Orientation where you will have a chance to get planted in this House!