STEP 4

John 3:8 says, "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whither it goeth: so is everyone that is born of the Spirit." Being BORN OF THE SPIRIT is when you receive the Spirit of God into you, the Holy Ghost. As this scripture shows there is always sound associated with the Holy Ghost that acts like wind. You can't tell where the wind stops or starts and you can't see it, but when it hits something you hear it and see its effects. The first time the HOLY **GHOST** fell on a group of people they all began speaking in tongues (Acts 2:1-4). SPEAKING IN TONGUES happens when the Holy Ghost comes in you and you speak a language that you have never learned. It is the initial sign that one has the Holy Ghost. Mark 16:16-17 says that those that are believed and baptized... "shall speak with new tongues". The Holy Ghost fell with tongues in Acts 10:44-48 and again in Acts 19:1-6. Some would argue that tongues are one of the spiritual gifts spoken in 1 Corinthians 12, but in the same list of gifts are faith and healing, things every believer should demonstrate (Mark 16:16-17; Romans 12:3). The Holy Ghost when you have it comes into your heart (Galatians 4:6). It is power (Acts 1:8), it is your Comforter and the Spirit of Truth (John 14:16-17). It is God in you and it helps you with the final checkpoint.

Jesus wants to **LIVE INSIDE** of us and He does that by giving us the Holy Ghost. Jesus wants us free from sin and that happens when we're baptized in Jesus name. Being born of water and spirit (John 3:3-5) is necessary, and how we are saved (Titus 3:5) and made ready to live for God.

Step 4 can happen before Step 3 and vice versa, but both are necessary.





••• STEP 5

Once God has changed our lives through water baptism & filling of the Holy Ghost, our lifestyle should reflect Jesus Christ daily, because in Him we are new creatures (2 Corinthians 5:17). We now walk in the newness of life. We don't live or talk how we used to because we get to walk with God and represent Him everyday. There are **KEY THINGS** we do consistently in order to grow in God, learn about Him, and become more like Jesus. The key things are: we ATTEND CHURCH (Romans 10:14; Hebrews 10:25), **PRAY** to God (1 Thessalonians 5:17), **FAST** from food and drink (Matthew 6:16-18), READ AND STUDY the Bible (2 Timothy 2:15), and SPEND TIME fellowshipping with the saints (Acts 2:42, 46). These key things help build our relationship with Jesus Christ and preparing for eternity.

We must make sure to keep the right people around us (1 Corinthians 15:33) and not try to be like the world (Romans 12:1-2) because Jesus has transformed our lives. Because we love Him, we keep His commandments and obey His Word (John 14:15). Living for Jesus is the best life!

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STEP 1

Have you ever thought, "I need a change in my life. My life is going in the wrong direction. How do I change? To **REPENT** literally means to **CHANGE**. Change of heart, mind & direction you were headed. In 2 Corinthians 7:10 it says, "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death." The sorrow of the world is being sorry when you get caught. Being godly sorry means to think about what you have done and how it made God feel. In other words, godly sorrow is being sorry because you hurt God. This is not repentance, but it leads to repentance. True repentance is more than tears or an emotion; it requires CHANGE, an ACTION. Repentance is necessary to salvation and a prerequisite to baptisms for the Bible says in Acts 2:38, "Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ..." The **KEY** to repentance is the action you take in God's direction (Acts 20:21). Repentance is not you keeping yourself from sin, but it's allowing and trusting God "who is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless" (Jude 24). Perfection is not out of reach, it comes from God. Your action is to repent.





STEP 2

Before you come to Jesus you must believe that Jesus Christ lived and that He is the Son of God. You must also **BELIEVE** that He is risen from the dead and is alive forever more. Belief is key to salvation because in Hebrews 11:6 it says, "But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for He that cometh to God must believe that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." The Bible also says in Romans 10:9, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." In the story of Phillip and the eunuch (Acts 8: 29-39) after the eunuch heard Phillip preach to him about Jesus and the eunuch decided he wanted to be baptized, Phillip said to the eunuch, "If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he [the eunuch] answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

Did you know that WORKS, ACTION, OBEYING Jesus' Word must accompany our belief? James 2:18 says, "Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works." Therefore, we must **SHOW** that we believe by having **WORKS**, or taking action out of obedience. Saying you believe is good but many people declare they believe while their lives say otherwise. When you really believe what someone says, you will **DO** something and **OBEY** their instructions. We don't just talk by faith; we **WALK** by faith (2 Cor. 5:7) too.

STEP 3

Repentance, believing and finally baptisms, all build on top of each other. In Mark 16:16 the Bible says, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Acts 2:38 also commands baptism as does John 3:5 when it says, "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." Being born of water is about water baptism. To baptize means to **DIP**, **SUBMERGE**, **IMMERSE**. With your whole body you are fully **DIPPED** in the water by the person that baptizes you. The Bible also commands that "... whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." There are many instances in the Bible where people were baptized calling the name of Jesus, Acts 10:44-48, 19:1-6, 22:16, to name a few. Baptism is the "putting on of Christ" according to Galatians 3:27 and it is the "answer of a good conscience toward God" in 1 Peter 3:21. Baptism is necessary. The name of Jesus is essential during baptism. Water baptism is powerful! It separates you from sin and gives you FORGIVENESS, DELIVERANCE, FREEDOM!

