

When we are baptized in the Holy Spirit, we receive New Life from the Holy Spirit



The Holy Spirit is the **Breath of Life**

Gen 2:7

The Lord God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being.

- The Holy Spirit is the Breath of Life. Without breath, our physical body dies, without the Holy Spirit, our spiritual life is dead. The Apostles also received this Breath of Life:

John 20:21-22

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."



Why we need the Holy Spirit, the **Breath of Life**?

- **Because some of us** may be spiritually at our last breath or already dead! This is very well illustrated in the vision of the dry bones that God gave to the prophet Ezekiel:

Ezek 37:1, 9-10

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones.Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet-- a vast army.

- **Because many of us** are spiritually running out of breath or trying to catch our breath, struggling in our Christian life and service. Like a long distance runner in a marathon race, each step gets harder and each breath gets heavier. Often, in a marathon race the runner comes to a stage where he feels like giving up, but if he keeps on and on there comes a time when suddenly he gets what they call a "second wind", like a new surge of energy which enables the runner to finish the race.

Do you need this "second wind"? It comes when our lives are renewed in the Holy Spirit. He will empower us to live our Christian life to the full, He will equip us to serve the Lord with greater effectiveness, He will enable us to finish the "race" and win the "prize".

- **Because all of us** need a spiritual breath of fresh air. We need the Holy Spirit. No matter where we are today, God wants to bring us further. No matter what we already have, God wants to bless us abundantly. No matter how much we are serving Him now, God wants to use us MORE!

We need the Holy Spirit, the spiritual breath of fresh air. When the Spirit comes into our lives, we begin to experience life in a new dimension. It's like someone who falls in love -- suddenly the sun seems brighter, the grass looks greener, and the air smells fresher.

Come Holy Spirit, Breath of Life, we need You!