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The Holy Spirit's baptism, the evidence of the baptism of the spirit, and the power of God's love are the author's three main points in this book that I find very important. After reading this book cover to cover, it opened my eyes to the fact that the gift of the Holy Spirit is not only for the earliest Christians but also for us. I came from a very strong Catholic family and was raised in it. I participated in the block rosary when I was a young girl because I had been taught so much about the Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus. I did not really know who Jesus was, and I did not really know who the Holy Spirit was either. I first encountered Jesus when I was a teenager. Although I had heard of the holy spirits of the third Trinity, I had never encountered him until recently. I am grateful to God for the spiritual leadership class and for this book, which made the significance of baptism clear to me. When I first started learning about baptism and the experience of the holy spirits, I understood that the Holy Spirit's baptism was the key to the church's success. The 120 disciples of Jesus were transformed into an unstoppable force for the expansion of God's kingdom after the Spirit was poured forth on them on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2). The ill were recovered from. They freed the demonized.

People came to faith in Christ every day, the dead were revived, and miracles occurred. Those believers had experienced the formation of Christ, and they were prepared to go to any lengths to follow Jesus. They made their mark everywhere they went. I began to understand that they would not have even been remembered if it weren't for the Spirit's baptism. I need to be filled with the Spirit like the early disciples were in order to produce fruit and have a personal impact that changes in my life. I need to be filled with the Spirit, but I also need to be living in the fullness of the Spirit right now. Although I was baptized as a newborn. I made another decision to go to my second baptism in order to have the same experience as the early Christians. I learned from this book that the original disciples were spiritual beings. It made me realize that I need to develop my spirituality. In order for me to experience the same gift as the early disciples, I must clearly be experiencing their accomplishment. I have to employ their empowering supernatural abilities desperately.

I completely concurred with the author that the Holy Spirit's baptism is an encounter with the living God that results in supernatural outcomes. After my second baptism, I keep pleading with him to baptize me in his spirit and to fill me with his good spirit, I began to remind God of his promises in John 14:16, recently I had the encounter in the middle of the night My bed started shaking, I felt like I was being electrocuted in bed, I saw a fire coming toward me. Ever since, it has had a significant impact on my life because I can still feel his presence, his boldness, and God's love in me. I continue to seek God for more love during my quiet time since the love I now receive is insufficient. I'm craving more of him. I'm trying to develop a relationship. This book helped me realize that in order to develop a strong bond with my God, I would need to invest time, make time-related sacrifices, and be willing to do so out of love.

In my current ministry, and in the future, this book will serve as an eye opener to my life and to my ministry because so many Christians in today's ministries think the gift of the Holy Spirit only manifests itself when you speak in tongues, this book helped me to understand that the gift of the Holy Spirit can manifest itself in a variety of ways, including signs of the Holy

Spirit's baptism, power, boldness , healing power, power of God's love, prophecy, and a desire to pursue God's love

(1). Have you ever experienced the manifest presence of God? Recall when you did . What was How did it affect you.

Recently, I experienced God's presence in my life during the night in my sleep. The first one I was begging him to help me and I had an audible voice. He promised me, he said three times. He called me by my first name Chidozie. I will help you. I will help you. I will strengthen you, after that incident. My life changed. I came to realize that the Lord I am serving is a living God, so I started pursuing for his face I always go to him every night, and stay still, I continue crying to him that I want to see his face and in my dream he showed me his shiny face very beautiful, shiny face that my eyes could not grab, His beautiful face appear to me three times and since then my life changed each time I come to him in a quiet time I focus my mind towards the glorious face that I saw.To the glory of God. I

(2) What is the way you are most comfortable receiving from the Lord? Is there one way you tend to hear most often? I received him through dreams. Each time I meditate sincerely to him if I go to sleep I will have a real dream,

(3) Do you regularly take time to be still and listen ?

Yes, I do. I meditate 45 minutes every morning and 30 minutes every night. My major spiritual disciplines for connecting with God have been solitude and silence. I stay still with him

This book will have an impact on my theology and practice of soul care; it will help me become closer to God by softening my heart toward Him and increasing my awareness of His presence; it will keep me actively seeking Him wherever life takes me; and it will serve as a constant reminder.

The impact this book has in my personal life is that now and in the future I am going to become a full time river dweller, I must cultivate God's presence. I will always think about the

presence of God in three ways. There is the need for omnipresence of God. God is always present: all times, all places, and all seasons.