

Spiritual Growth

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I was born in Corn, Oklahoma toward the end of the depression, 1938. At age eight I was baptized but did not have a salvation experience. At age nine I was saved during spring revival and re-baptized at the First Baptist Church of Cordell, Oklahoma. Although I attended church training regularly I lived a very superficial life until 1967. At that time I was almost 30 years of age. Between 1967 and 1970 a sovereign work of the Holy Spirit began a new work within me. There was also a sovereign work of the Holy Spirit going on among the hippie generation of that time. They were called, "The Jesus Freaks." I was not a part of that movement but did become personally interested in searching for spiritual truth. I asked a lot of questions about my faith, always testing the spirits in light of Prayer, the Word, and the Holy Spirit. I sought the Lord concerning any issue or previous teaching I had questions about. I found the Holy Spirit will teach us all things, even the deep things of God. The Spirit continued to guide me but major spiritual growth occurred in 1970, 1973, 1982, 1985 through 1990. Also 1996, 1998, and every year since then through 2006. I thank God daily for things He has led me through and for areas He has prepared me for that I did not understand before. I'm looking forward to 2007 with the anticipation that I am more prepared to serve and honor Jesus than ever and I pray that I'll glorify Jesus and His Kingdom in all that I do and say.

--God Bless you all especially those who ride for Him.