

“By My Spirit!”
The Spirit & The Word

Introduction:

1. Last Week, We Looked At The Relationship Between The Holy Spirit & The Lord Jesus Christ!
 - The Spirit’s Ministry Points Us To Jesus!
 - This Is How We Learn About The Holy Spirit!
 - This Is How We Are Empowered By The Holy Spirit!
 - From Start To Finish, The Holy Spirit’s Role Is To Deepen Your Relationship With Your Savior, Jesus Christ, Who Is The Living Word!
2. Now, Let’s Look At The Relationship Between The Holy Spirit & The Written Word!
 - Very Important - “The Word And The Spirit Go Together!”
 - Hand - In - Hand!

1. *The Holy Spirit’s Inspiration Of The Word!*

- The Main Thing The Bible Does Is That It Tells Us About Jesus Christ!
 - And That: Jesus Is “The way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Him!” (John 14:6)
 - This Is The Testimony Of Scripture!
 - The Need For A Redeemer!
 - The Hope Of A Redeemer!
 - The Examples Of A Redeemer!
 - The Identification Of The Redeemer!
 - The Manifestation Of The Redeemer!
 - The Works Of The Redeemer!
 - All Points To Jesus Christ!
 - Just As The Spirit’s Ministry Points Us To Christ!
 - The Word Of God Points Us To Christ!
 - And It Is The Holy Spirit That Brought Us The Word Of God!
 - Through “Inspiration” - “Theopneustons” - “God-Breathed!”
 - 2 Samuel 23:2 - “The Spirit Of The Lord Spake By Me, And His Word Was In My Tongue!” (Last Words Of David)
 - Zechariah 7:12 - “The Words Which The Lord Of Hosts Hath Sent In His Spirit By The Former Prophets!”
 - 2 Peter 1:21 - “For The Prophecy Came Not In Old Time By The Will Of Man: But Holy Men Of God Spake As They Were Moved By The Holy Ghost!”
 - The Holy Spirit’s Inspiration Of The Word:
 - Shows You It’s Authority!
 - It Doesn’t Merely Contain The Word Of God!
 - It Doesn’t Merely Become The Word Of God!
 - It Is The Word Of God!
 - You Have A Responsibility To:
 - Submit To Its Authority! Being From God!
 - Respond To Its Message! Being About Jesus!

2. *The Holy Spirit’s Implanting Of The Word!*

- Jesus Gave The Parable Of The Sower In Matthew 13:3-9!
 - Difference In The Soils – What Makes The Difference?
 - Look At 13:23 - “But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty!”
- The Difference Is The Work Of The Holy Spirit!
 - In Preparing The Heart & Implanting The Word!
 - It Is The Holy Spirit’s Work:

- John 6:63 - "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life!"
- The Holy Spirit Works Through The Word:
 - James 1:18 - "Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures!"
 - 1 Peter 1:23 - "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever!"
- "Apart From The Word, There Is No Salvation And No Activity Of The Holy Spirit In The Lives Of God's People!" (Michael Horton)
 - This Is Why The Bible & It's Message Is So Critical!
- The Holy Spirit's Implanting Of The Word:
 - Shows You Your Absolute Dependence Upon The Word!
 - It Is The Means Through Which You Received New Life By The Holy Spirit!
 - It Is The Means Through Which You Grow In Your Christian Life By The Holy Spirit!

3. ***The Holy Spirit's Identification Of The Word!***

- How Do You Know / Are Certain That The Bible Is God's Word & What It Says Is Absolutely True?
 - Is It Based On Just Tradition?
 - Because A Church Council Declared The Canon Closed?
 - If This Is The Reason, You're On Shaky Ground!
 - Is It Based On Just Scientific Evidence?
 - Is It Based On Just Prophetic Statements?
 - These Reasons Are Important & Valid - But Not Enough To Give You Absolute Conviction Of The Bible's Origin & Truth!
 - Are You Willing To Base Your Eternal Destiny On These Alone?
- The Holy Spirit Himself Brings An Inward Witness To Every Believer!
 - They May Not Even Know About Any Other Proofs – But They Know & Believe That God's Word Is True!
 - How?
 - Just As The Holy Spirit Gives Inward Testimony About Your Soul - Romans 8:16 - "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God!"
 - The Holy Spirit Gives Inward Testimony About His Word!
 - 1 John 2:20-21 - "But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. 21 I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth!"
 - "Although Sufficiently Firm Proofs Are At Hand To Establish The Credibility Of Scripture, We Ought To Seek Our Conviction In A Higher Place Than Human Reasons, Judgments, Or Conjectures, That Is, In The Secret Testimony Of The Spirit!" (John Calvin)
- The Holy Spirit's Identification Of The Word:
 - Provides The Assurance You Need!
 - About The Word! About Christ! About Your Soul!

4. ***The Spirit's Instruction Of The Word!***

- The Word Is The Method Of The Holy Spirit's Teaching!
 - Psalm 143:10 - "Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness!"
 - 1 Corinthians 2:12-13 - "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual!"
 - You Cannot Come To God Apart From His Word!
 - You Cannot Know Of God Apart From His Word!
 - But, Even With God's Word, You Still Cannot Know Him Unless The Spirit Is Active Through The Word! It's Not Just A Magical Spell Book!
- Without The Spirit Teaching Us The Word, We Cannot Understand!

- 1 Corinthians 2:14 - "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned!"
- "The Word without the illumination of the Holy Spirit remains a closed book!" (James M. Boyce)
- With The Spirit Teaching Us The Word, We Can Understand!
 - Proverbs 1:23 - "Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you!"
- The Holy Spirit's Instruction Of The Word:
 - Ought To Cause You To Go To Him When You Need Help In His Word!
 - Psalm 119:18 - "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law!"

5. *The Spirit's Impulse Through The Word!*

- In The Lives Of Believers:
 - The Spirit Of God Works Through The Word Of God To Accomplish The Will Of God!
- God's Will Is For You To Grow As A Christian!
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:3 - "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification!"
 - So He Gives You His Word!
 - John 17:17 - "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth!"
 - Ephesians 5:26 - "That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word!"
 - And The Spirit Enables You Through The Word!
 - 1 Corinthians 6:11 - "And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God!"
- God's Will Is For You To Go As A Christian!
 - God Gives You Courage & Confidence to Preach / Teach / Otherwise Share The Word About Christ To Others!
 - Acts 4:31 - "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness!"
- The Holy Spirit's Impulse Through The Word:
 - Is Absolutely Necessary For You To Grow & Go As A Christian, Fulfilling His Will!

Conclusion:

1. 1 Thessalonians 1:5 - "For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost!"
 - This Is What We Need!
 - We Need To Receive The Word Of God In Power & In The Holy Spirit!
2. This Means That We Recognize The Interwoven Work Of The Spirit Through The Word!
 - As We Relied Upon Him To Inspire & Implant The Word!
 - You Need To Rely Upon Him To Identify, Instruct & Give Impulse Through The Word!
3. Request The Holy Spirit To Open Your Heart & Life To His Influence Through The Word!

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