

WORD

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1 Corinthians 2:9-13

The Holy Spirit may be the least discussed person in the Trinity. But the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer must be understood by all who have surrendered their lives to Christ. The sacrifice of Jesus brought us back to a relationship with God, and the power of the Holy Spirit guides and empowers us to live for Him.

The Spirit bridges the communication gap between ourselves and God. He searches and understands what is spiritual and makes it possible for us to perceive it.

These secrets of God's wisdom could not be worked out by human wisdom, Paul has written. They must be revealed to humans to be understood and believed by us. How could we possibly believe such a thing, though, even if it is true?

1. SEARCHING THE DEEP THINGS OF GOD

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1 Corinthians 2:9-10

Paul begins this verse by discussing how human beings are unable to comprehend the deep thoughts of God on their own. The phrase could have been translated as "The heart of man could never dream, imagine, or produce the things God has prepared for us that love Him." Even in its greatest vision, the human intellect cannot fathom all that God has planned for His people. If this is the case, how are we ever going to understand what God has in store for us?

In the verse above, Paul provides the answer, saying, "God has revealed to us through the Spirit. This indicates that the age of ignorance is over. We now have access to all that God has prepared and planned for us thanks to the coming of the Holy Spirit. Paul uses the word reveal which actually means to unveil, because he wants to make an emphasis. It depicts anything that is concealed or veiled at the precise time when its veil or covering is suddenly lifted. As a result, what had been concealed for so long is now clearly visible. God does all of this through His Spirit. are you searching the deepthings of God?

2.ACCESSING THE MIND OF GOD

11 For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

1 Corinthians 2:11

Paul is reminding us of something we all know. No one (except God) can possibly know us like we know ourselves. No one knows you like you know yourself. And no one knows God like God does. And just as no one knows you like you do, no one knows God like the Spirit of God does.

If we want to know God, if we want to know how God thinks, how God works, how God acts, His ways, then we must know His Spirit. We must be in step with, in tune with the Spirit of God.

All is not lost because we cannot know the mind of God, however, for the Spirit teaches us what we need to know of God's mind.

Are you allowing yourself to access the mind of God?

3. UNVEILING GOD'S WORD

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1 Corinthians 2:12-13

God has given us His word and His Spirit that we might be able to see beyond our normal range of vision, and know Him. If we have come to know Him, it is not because we are smarter or more insightful than those who do not; it is only by the work of the Holy Spirit by God's grace. There is no place for pride on our part. The Holy Spirit has inspired the words of Scripture so that through them and His work we may come to know God and grow in our relationship with Him. He gives the message we need.

Paul says that since his message finds its source in the Spirit of God rather than the wisdom of men, it should be communicated in a way that is consistent with the work and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit, not the ways of men. How do you interpret God's word?

APPLICATION

- What has been your understanding and experience of the Holy Spirit? How is this growing and what kind of a relationship would you like to have with the Holy Spirit?
- How can you know and rely on the Holy Spirit more as each day passes? What's one thing you can start doing differently this week?
- Without the Holy Spirit, we cannot live Spirit-empowered lives. How can you tap into the power of the Holy Spirit each day and stop relying on your own strength?

PRAYER

- Thank God for all the Persons of the Trinity and how we have everything we need in God. Pray for a greater revelation of the Holy Spirit beginning this week.
- Ask God for a growing relationship with, awareness of, and dependence on the Holy Spirit every day.
- Pray that your life would be marked by the work and power of the Holy Spirit. Pray that more people would come to know God through your life, character, and testimony.



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