

I. Introduction.

- A. When you accept Christ as Savior and Lord you: become a “new creature” (2 Cor. 5:17); are “born again” (John 3:3); receive the Holy Spirit (see 1 Cor. 12:13).**
- B. The indwelling Holy Spirit enables you to understand the wisdom and truth of the Bible, the inspired Word of God.**

II. The Inspiration of Scripture.

- A. The men who wrote Scripture – the Bible – were inspired by God in such a way that they wrote exactly what God wanted them to write.**
- B. 2 Timothy 3:16 tells us that “all Scripture is God-breathed”; Scripture is the breath (word or voice) of God.**
- C. The men who wrote the Bible “spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit” (2 Pet. 1:21).**
- D. Because the Bible is inspired by the Holy Spirit, those who read and study the Bible need the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit to truly understand.**

III. The Enlightenment of the Spirit.

- A. The mysteries that were hidden for ages are revealed to those who accept Christ as Savior and Lord (Col. 1:26).**
- B. Ever since the day of Pentecost (see Acts 2) the Holy Spirit has been at work in believers revealing God’s mysteries.**
- C. To understand the deep truths of the Bible you must be hungry for the Word and ask the Spirit to enlighten you.**
- D. All living creatures have a soul (Gen. 1:30), but only man has a spirit (1 Thess. 5:23); man’s spirit enables him to have a spiritual relationship with God (John 4:24).**
- E. The Holy Spirit searches the spiritual truths of the Word of God and reveals them to your human spirit (v.11,12).**
- F. When the truth of God is truly understood lives are changed; when minds and hearts are spiritually renewed lives are transformed.**
- G. To understand the deep truths of God you must also approach the Bible in the right condition – with sin confessed and forsaken.**
- H. The person who learns the deep thoughts of God has a responsibility to share these truths with others (v.13).**
- I. Most often, the Holy Spirit uses gifted preachers and teachers to open our minds and hearts to the truths of God.**