

Sunday Session 2 Notes: “The Bible – God-Breathed”

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III. THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN RELATION TO THE SCRIPTURES

1. *“All scripture is given by inspiration of God.....”* (2 Timothy 3:16) The word for INSPIRATION is *“theop eustos”* or *“God-breathed.”*
2. AND, who did the breathing? (2 Peter 1:21) *“.....holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.”*
 - Here again, God’s “breath” symbolizes the invisible, yet powerful ministry of the Holy Spirit.
 - The above scriptures do not imply that the Old Testament and the New Testament authors were denied their individuality or their literary style. These verses simply mean that God miraculously directed what they wrote so that it accurately revealed the mind, will, and purpose of God. The scriptures, as God gave them in their original manuscripts, are as absolutely accurate and free of error as though God Himself wrote them.
3. The words of Revelation chapters two and three are the words of the Spirit. (Revelation 2:11,17; 3:6, 13, 22)
4. The Spirit guided New Testament writers into *“all truth”* and showed them *“things to come”*. (John 16:13)

IV. THE MINISTRY OF THE SPIRIT IN RELATION TO THE LIFE OF CHRIST

1. His miraculous conception in Mary was by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 1:20; Luke 1:35)
2. The Spirit came UPON Him at His baptism. (Luke 3:22; Matthew 3:16)
3. This is when *“God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with Power”*. (Acts 10:38)

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4. Christ was full of the Spirit and was led by the Spirit (Luke 4:1, 14), and performed His miracles in the power of the Spirit. (Luke 4:18; Matthew 12:28)
5. The Holy Spirit was the source of Christ’s wisdom in the days of His flesh. (Matthew 12:17-21)
6. Christ was raised from the dead by the Spirit’s power. (Romans 1:4; 8:11)
7. Christ instructed His apostles through the Holy Spirit after His resurrection. (Acts 1:2)
8. As a man, Christ was completely dependent upon the Holy Spirit for wisdom, direction and power. And He is our example. (1 Peter 2:21)
 - If Christ needed to depend upon the Holy Spirit to live and minister, how much more need we depend upon Him.
 - Let’s not fail to claim our blessings. All that the Spirit did for Christ, He can do for us. We, too can be anointed, filled, led and empowered by the Spirit.

V. THE MINISTRY OF THE SPIRIT IN RELATION TO UNBELIEVERS

1. IT IS A Christ-Revealing, Christ-Exalting Ministry.
 - 1) [John 15:26](#), *“But when the Comforter is come.....he shall TESTIFY OF ME.”*
 - 2) [John 16:13-14](#), *“When He the Spirit of Truth is come.....He shall not speak of Himself.....He shall glorify me: for He shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.”*
 - 3) [Acts 5:22](#), *“And we are His witnesses of these things (of Christ); AND SO IS ALSO THE HOLY SPIRIT, whom God hath given to them that obey Him.”*
 - Any ministry or teaching regarding the Holy Spirit that fails to magnify Christ should be regarded with suspicion.

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2. [John 14:17](#); [15:26](#); AS THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, He testifies of Him who is the TRUTH. ([John 14:6](#))

- While the Spirit may reveal Christ independently to the sinner, He normally works through believers to whom HE was sent and given. ([John 15:26](#); [16:7,8](#)) What a privilege! What a responsibility that we as believers have to make Christ known in this world. Yet we must ever remember that it is not our witness or power that causes man to believe – it is the power of the Spirit alone! Only by the Holy Spirit do men call Jesus, Lord. ([1 Corinthians 12:3](#))

3. It is a Sin-Convincing, Sin-Convicting Ministry.

1) [John 16:8-11](#), He convicts the world:

- OF SIN (relating to man) for failure to believe on Christ.
- OF RIGHTEOUSNESS (Relating to Christ) that is, Christ’s righteousness, proven by His return to the Father.
- OF JUDGMENT (relating to Satan); that is, of Satan who was judged at the cross. ([Colossians 2:15](#); [Hebrews 2:14](#))

2) The convicting of the sinner is through the preaching of the Word in the power of the Spirit.

- Compare [Acts 2:4](#) with [2:37](#). The disciples were “filled with the Holy Spirit”, and sinners were “pricked in their heart.”
- Compare [Acts 4:8](#) with [4:13](#). Peter was “filled with the Holy Spirit”, and marveled.

3) The convicting of the Spirit is such that leads to repentance and faith.

- Compare [Acts 2:38-39](#). What shall we do? “Repent, and be baptized every one of you.....”
- [Romans 10:17](#), faith comes through the Word. But we must always remember THE WORD is THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT, and only when it is wielded by His power does it convict men of sin and cause them to repent and turn to God.