



How the Holy Spirit Illuminates the Word of God

1 Corinthians 2:10-14

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10 The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. 11 For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. 12 What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. 13 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words 14 The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.

1 Cor 2:10-14 (NIV)

Who can understand the thoughts of God, but the Spirit of God?

I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people.

Ephesians 1:18 (NLT)

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.

Psalms 119:18 (NIV)

Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.

2 Corinthians 4:4. (NLT)

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth.

John 16:13 (NIV)

What hinders us from the Holy Spirit's help in understanding the Word of God?

1. Unresolved conflict with others

If you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. Matthew 5:23-24 (NIV)

You may not be able resolve some conflict completely. However, you can humble yourself and offer forgiveness from your end. Forgiveness does not necessarily mean you put yourself in the same situation to be hurt again, but it does mean you are willing to offer peace and move on.

2. Listening to the spirit of this world

This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. Luke 8:11 (NIV)

The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. Luke 8:14 (NIV)

No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thorn bushes, or grapes from briars. A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

Matthew 6:43-45 (NIV)

3. Humility

For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. 2 Timothy 4:3-4 (NIV)

In Essentials Unity, In Non-Essentials Liberty, In All Things Charity. Rupertus Meldenus, 1627

Questions to consider this week:

1. What unresolved conflict do you have that's hindering your ability to forgive others?
2. What voices/influences have the most impact on your daily decisions?
3. Where have you tried to "proof text" Scripture so it says what you want it to say?
4. Will you commit to praying Psalm 119:18 this week before you read Scripture?

