

1 CORINTHIANS: LESSON 9

Who Does the Holy Ghost Teach? (1 Cor. 2:10-16)

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The indwelling Holy Spirit is the greatest resource that God has given to every believer. It is our responsibility to find out how we can avail ourselves of this wonderful source of knowledge and understanding. Unfortunately, most Christians miss out on all the benefits of this relationship, either because they don't care to know the truth, or they're unwilling to do what is necessary to find it.

THREE SPIRITS:

1. The spirit of man (vs. 11): enables humans to instinctively (naturally) communicate with and understand one another even if their languages differ.
 2. The spirit of the world (vs. 12): This is an attitude or way of thinking that promotes self-love, self-esteem, and self-worth. It endorses faith in self above faith in God.
 3. The Spirit of God (vs. 12): This is the only Spirit that is Holy. He can help you to live a better life (less carnal, more spiritual), to love God, and to love others, and to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ.
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Vs. 10 **GOD REVEALS TRUTH TO US BY HIS HOLY SPIRIT.** You may gather a lot of facts about God by reading the Bible, but you'll never really know God until the Holy Spirit reveals Him to you. There are things you could never know without the Holy Spirit.

Vs. 11 **THE THINGS OF GOD CAN ONLY BE UNDERSTOOD BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD.** Don't try to teach doctrine to an unsaved person; it's impossible for them to understand because they don't have the Holy Spirit. The only reason you know how to live a holy life is because the Holy Spirit has taught you and revealed to you the importance of holy living.

Vs. 12 **THE HOLY SPIRIT REVEALS TO THE BELIEVER WHAT GOD HAS FREELY GIVEN THEM.** Everything God wanted to give me, He gave me the day I got saved. The Holy Spirit shows me what these things are as I continue in the things of God (prayer, fellowship, Bible reading, etc.). These things are like nuggets of gold that the Holy Spirit uncovers for me over time. They were mine from the day of my salvation, but I must search for them through the pages of Scripture before the Holy Spirit will open my eyes to their location.

Vs. 13 **MAN'S WISDOM IS INSUFFICIENT FOR TEACHING SPIRITUAL THINGS.** If you have anything of spiritual value to teach another person, it will be due to the Holy Spirit teaching you.

Vss. 14-16 WE HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST. This is a new way of thinking which is opposed to our old way of thinking. Now we have TWO natures (“the natural man” and “he that is spiritual”) which are always fighting one another. Our old nature cannot understand spiritual things. Our new nature is in conflict with the natural man, but in tune with God.

The natural man is still without excuse because he is still accountable to God (see Num. 27:16).

YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE

GENESIS 40:8 INTERPRETATIONS BELONG TO GOD. You cannot rightly interpret the Bible without God.

DEUT. 29:29 GOD REVEALS HIS SECRET THINGS TO THOSE WHO HAVE A WILLINGNESS TO OBEY HIM. God will only show you what He knows you’re willing to do. He won’t put more on your plate than you want to eat.

PSALM 25:14 GOD WILL REVEAL HIS SECRETS TO THOSE THAT FEAR HIM. When you disobey God, it hinders your understanding of the word of God.

ISAIAH 29:12 The person who is not formally educated in a Bible school will use that as an excuse for not being able to learn the Bible.

ISAIAH 29:11 Those people who are theological scholars have educated themselves out of the faith that they once had. Instead of reading what the Bible says and allowing the Holy Spirit to reveal truth to them, they turn to other sources which cannot reveal truth (Greek texts, historical records, traditions of men, etc.).

ISA. 29:13-14 When a man causes you to doubt the truth of the Bible, God will hide His truth from you. You can’t learn the Bible if you don’t believe the Bible.

TO WHOM DOES THE LORD SHOW THE TRUTH?

LUKE 10:21 TO BABES. They can learn it because they believe it. When you get too smart for God, you can’t learn anymore.

ISA. 28:9-10 TO THOSE WHO CONSISTENTLY STUDY THE BIBLE. God doesn’t give you all knowledge at once. You must continue in the things of God, seeking to learn more from Him every day.

DAN. 2:28-30 TO ORDINARY PEOPLE WHO WANT TO KNOW GOD’S TRUTHS. Daniel admitted that he wasn’t wiser than any other man, but God chose to reveal some things to him because He knew Daniel would believe it.

1 PET. 1:12 TO THE INTENDED RECIPIENTS. God’s Holy Spirit will open up the parts of the Bible that are meant to be received by the believers of each dispensation. Our understanding may be closed to some truths today that will be opened up during the Tribulation for the benefit of the saints of that time.

2 Pet. 1:20-21 TO THOSE WHO ARE MOVED BY THE HOLY GHOST. Biblical truth comes by God’s Holy Spirit.

HOW MUCH OF GOD’S TRUTH DO YOU WANT?