



The Spirit and the Word

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. (2Timothy 3:16, 17)

The Holy Spirit and Revelation

SUNDAY: January 1

Key Passage(s): 2 Peter 1:19-21, Daniel 2:19-23, Revelation 1:1-4

1. From whom did we receive the Scriptures?

_Daniel 2:19-21 - _____

_Revelation 1:1-4 - _____

_2 Peter 1:19-21 - _____

2. (Discussion) Did the Roman Catholic church give us the Scriptures? What was the Roman Catholic church attitude towards the Scriptures?

See Our Authorized Bible Vindicated chapters 1 and 2.

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“Efforts to Suppress and Destroy the Bible. – The Council of Toulouse, which met about the time of the crusade against the Albigenses, ruled: “We prohibit laymen possessing copies of the Old and New Testament... We forbid them most severely to have the above books in the popular vernacular.” “The Lords of the districts shall carefully seek out the heretics in dwellings, hovels, and forests, and even their underground retreats shall be entirely wiped out.” – Concil. Tolosanum, Pope Gregory IX, Anno. Chr. 1229. Canons 14 and 2. This Council sat at the time of the crusade against the Albigenses, quoted from the Great Controversy appendix, p. 687.6

“This pest [the Bible] had taken such an extension that some people had appointed priests of their own, and even some evangelists who distorted and destroyed the truth of the gospel and made new gospels for their own purpose ... (They know that) the preaching and explanation of the Bible is absolutely forbidden to the lay members.” – Acts of Inquisition, Philip van Limborch, History of the Inquisition, chapter 8, quoted from the Great Controversy appendix, p. 687.7

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The Holy Spirit and Inspiration

MONDAY: January 2

Key Passage(s): 2 Peter 1:21, Deuteronomy 18:18, Micah 3:8, and 1 Corinthians 2:9-13

1. What type of men did God use to inspire the Scriptures? 2 Peter 1:21

2. How did Moses describe the work of the Holy Spirit? Deuteronomy 18:18

3. How did Micah describe what He, the Holy Spirit, gives to record Scripture? Micah 3:8

4. Through the Scriptures what is God trying to reveal to us? 1 Corinthians 2:10

(Discussion) How can we discern whether a book or gospel is of God? (Isaiah 8:20)
What should we do with the Apocrypha?

“(Taking the large Bible containing the apocrypha¹²): Pure and undefiled, a part of it is consumed, holy, holy, walk carefully, tempted. The Word of God, take it (Marion Stowell [Marion Concordia Stowell]¹³), bind it long upon thine heart, pure and unadulterated. How lovely, how lovely, how lovely. My blood, My blood, My blood. O the children of disobedience, reprov’d, reprov’d. Thy word, Thy word, Thy word, a part of it is burned unadulterated, a part of the hidden book, a part of it is burned (the apocrypha).” Letters and Manuscripts of Ellen White, p. 183.3

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The Holy Spirit and the Truthfulness of Scripture

TUESDAY: January 3

Key Passage(s): Psalm 119:60, John 17:17

1. Names in the Bible indicate character and or the mission of the individual. What is the mission of the Holy Spirit? John 14:17

2. What is truth and its effect on the individual who accepts it? John 17:17

3. How does He tell us the truth about our condition? John 16:8

4. How thorough is His work of revealing our condition? Hebrews 4:12

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The Holy Spirit as Teacher

WEDNESDAY: January 4

Key Passage(s): 1Corinthians 2:13, 14

1. What function did Jesus say He, the Holy Ghost, was going to play for the followers of Christ? John 14:26, 16:13

2. What promise does God give to the student of His Word? Psalm 119:99

3. Where does He want us to store what He teaches us? Deuteronomy 6:8

4. In our study of truth, what does our Teacher use to teach us? 1Corinthians 2:13, 14

5. (Discussion) Where do apparent contradictions in God's Word originate?

"Many contradictory opinions in regard to what the Bible teaches do not arise from any obscurity in the book itself, but from blindness and prejudice on the part of interpreters. Men ignore the plain statements of the Bible to follow their own perverted reason. - Ellen G. White, The Advent Review and Sabbath Herald, Jan. 27, 1885.

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THURSDAY: January 5

Key Passage(s): John 5:39, 46, 47; John 7:38, 39

1. What and Who does the Holy Spirit want us to be drawn to? John 5:39

2. Who did the Holy Spirit impress to write about Jesus? John 5:46

3. Who were the Jews resisting when they refused to see in Jesus the Messiah? Acts 7:51

4. How did Moses too reveal the Holy Spirit? 1Corinthians 10:4, John 7:38, 39

5. (Discussion) Can the prompting of "the Spirit" ever supersede God's Word?

"the Spirit was not given-nor can it ever be bestowed-to supersede the Bible; for the Scriptures explicitly state that the word of God is the standard by which all teaching and experience must be tested." - The Great Controversy, p. vii:3.

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