

# **THE HOLY SPIRIT**

## **The Holy Spirit & Scripture: *Inspiration***

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# **“The Spirit of truth”**

John 14:17, 26; 15:26; 16:7, 13;  
1 John 4:6; 5:7

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## **1 Corinthians 2:10-16:**

Revelation • Inspiration (2:10-11)

Instruction • Illumination • Affirmation (2:12-13)

Utilization (2:14-16)

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## **Revelation & Inspiration**

**Revelation:** Divine disclosure of what was previously unknown to humans

- General revelation (Psa. 19:1-6)
- Special revelation (Psa. 19:7-14)

Neh. 9:20, 30; Isa. 63:11, 14; Hag. 2:5; 2 Sam. 23:2  
Luke 2:26; Mat. 10:20; Acts 11:28  
John 16:13; Eph. 3:4-5

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## Revelation & Inspiration

**Inspiration:** the process by which the Holy Spirit protected God's revelation through human writers from error, down to the very words used.

- ▶ 2 Peter 1:16-21
- ▶ 2 Timothy 3:16

*How?* – Sometimes through direct command (cf. Exo. 34:27), sometimes recording their own thoughts (cf. Deut. 3:23-26), but always under the direction of the Holy Spirit.

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Mat. 22:43; Mark 12:36, *citing Psa. 110:1*  
Acts 1:16, 20, *citing Psa. 41:9; 69:25; 109:8*  
Acts 4:25-26, *citing Psa. 2:1-2*  
Acts 28:25-27, *citing Isa. 6:9-10*  
1 Tim. 4:1, *possibly citing Mat. 7:15; 24:24*  
Heb. 3:7-11, *citing Psa. 95:7-11*  
Heb. 9:1-8, *citing Exo. 25-26*  
Heb. 10:15-17, *citing Jer. 31:33-34*

Many passages in Revelation allude to other biblical texts (e.g., Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22; 14:13)

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## Instruction

Nehemiah 9:20

1 John 2:20, 27

Ephesians 1:17-18

Psalms 119:12, 26, 33, 64, 66, 68, 108, 124, 135

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## Illumination

- ▶ Psalms 119:18, 27, 34, 73, 125, 144, 169
- ▶ He illuminates through the word he has revealed / inspired.
- ▶ His illumination through his word doesn't guarantee that all will agree on it because not all will approach it honestly.
- ▶ His illumination does not mean everything about God is knowable.
- ▶ His illumination does not mean human teachers are unnecessary.
- ▶ His illumination is not a substitute for personal Bible study.
- ▶ His illumination is not unique to you.

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## **Affirmation**

Acts 5:32

Hebrews 10:15

1 John 5:6

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## **Utilization**

Ephesians 5:18-20 + Hebrews 4:12

Ephesians 6:17

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