

# THE HOLY SPIRIT

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- ⦿ God has been speaking for a long time!
- ⦿ Hebrews 1:1-4
  - Prophet – mouthpiece of God
  - Deuteronomy 18:18-19
  - Exodus 7:1; 4:16
  - 2 Peter 1:20-21

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- ◎ God's word in men's mouths
  - 2 Samuel 2:32
  - Acts 1:16
  - Jeremiah 1:9
  - Zechariah 7:12

## Who is speaking?

- Galatians 3:8 – The Scripture said this
  - God said it (Genesis 12:1-3)
- Romans 9:17 – The Scripture said this
  - God said it (Exodus 9:16)
- Jesus said that God said it (Matthew 19:4-6)
  - Moses wrote this Scripture (Genesis 2:24)
- The Holy Spirit said it (Hebrews 3:17)
  - the writer of the Psalm said/wrote it (Psalm 95:7)
- The Lord God said it (Acts 4:24-26)
  - by the mouth of David (NKJV)
  - by the Holy Spirit, by the mouth of David (ASV)
- The Holy Spirit spoke the Scripture (Acts 1:16)
  - by the mouth of David
- David said (Mark 12:35)
  - by the Holy Spirit
- So God said, the Scripture said, the Holy Spirit said, by the mouth of....
  - How can this be?

## God's use of agency or instrumentality

- ⦿ God saved Noah (2 Peter 2:5), but Noah was saved through water (1 Peter 3:20)
  - God saved Noah through the instrument of water
- ⦿ Christ came and preached peace to the Gentiles (Ephesians 2:17-18), but not personally. Christ came and preached through the agency of men.
- ⦿ Christ by the Spirit preached to the disobedient in the days of Noah (1 Peter 3:19-20), not personally, but through the agency of Noah, a preacher of righteousness (2 Peter 2:5)
  
- ⦿ God spoke, by the Holy Spirit, by the mouth of prophets, and that was written (Scripture = what is written).
  - 2 Peter 1:20-21
  
- ⦿ Scripture came from God, by the agency of the Holy Spirit, through human instrumentality

# God Revealed Truth by the Holy Spirit

- Revelation = “an uncovering; prop. A laying bare, making naked...a disclosure of truth, instruction, concerning divine things before unknown...esp. those relating to Christian salvation...given to the soul by God himself, or by the ascended Christ, esp. through the operation of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:10)” (from Henry Thayer in his Greek lexicon)
- 2 Peter 1:20-21
- Ephesians 3:1-5; compare Galatians 1:11-12

# How was revelation made known?

- ◎ 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- ◎ Inspired = God-breathed
- ◎ Scripture = “to write”; what is written
- ◎ The creation is the result of the out-breathing of God: Psalm 33:6. God spoke and the heavens were made; they were made by the breath of His mouth.
  - Just as the creation is the result of the breath of His mouth – by the word of the Lord – so the word of God is His production, breathed out.

“In reference to the Bible, revelation and inspiration are so related that any definition of these words must consider both together.

Only God can “uncover” what is in His mind. He did so through Christ by the Holy Spirit unto the apostles. The method by which this revelation is made is called “inspiration” or “the breathed of God” (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

“Revelation” is what is made known from the mind of God, and “Inspiration” is how God revealed it: by His words.

The inspired apostle Paul said of the mystery received by the Spirit of God: “Which things also we speak,” that is the revelation; “not in words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Spirit teacheth.”

That is how the things are revealed: by inspiration (1 Corinthians 2:13). It takes both to make the infallible Book.” (H.E. Phillips, “Nature of Inspiration and Revelation”, from Truth Magazine, Volume 37)



## To the apostles, Jesus said the Holy Spirit would:

- Teach you all things (John 14:26)
- Bring to your remembrance all things (John 14:26)
- Guide you into all truth (John 16:13)
- Declare things to come (John 16:13)
- Testify or bear witness of Christ (John 15:26-27)
- Convict the world (John 16:8-11)
- See also Matthew 10:19-20

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- Ephesians 3:1-5
- 1 Corinthians 2:6-16
  - The mystery was originally hidden in the mind of God (v.7-9, 16)
  - God revealed the mystery to the apostles through His Spirit (v.10)
    - The Spirit of God knows the things of God (v.11)
  - The Spirit taught these things in words which the Holy Spirit teaches, not in words which man's wisdom teaches (v.13), combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words (NASB, v.13)
  - The Holy Spirit taught the things that were revealed, spiritual things, with spiritual words, to the apostles and prophets

# All Scripture is inspired of God, even these:

- 1 Corinthians 1:11
- Philippians 4:11-13
- 1 Corinthians 7:6, 25, 40