

## Total Dependency

### Special Revelation – Interpretation and Animation

*But as it is written: What no eye has seen and no ear has heard, and what has never come into a man's heart, is what God has prepared for those who love Him. Now God has revealed them to us by the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the deep things of God. For who among men knows the concerns of a man except the spirit of the man that is in him? In the same way, no one knows the concerns of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, in order to know what has been freely given to us by God. We also speak these things, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual things to spiritual people. - 1 Corinthians 2:9-13 HCSB*

Humanity's dependency upon the Holy Spirit did not end with that original creative impulse<sup>1</sup> or with the inspiration of the biblical authors.<sup>2</sup> As they were inspired, so the Scriptures must be received – through the agency of the Holy Spirit.

- **Isaiah 55:6-9 HCSB** Seek the LORD while He may be found; call to Him while He is near. (7) Let the wicked one abandon his way, and the sinful one his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, so He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will freely forgive. (8) "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, and your ways are not My ways." *This is the LORD's declaration.* (9) "For as heaven is higher than earth, so My ways are higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.

God's thoughts are not our thoughts and His ways are not ours. As heaven is higher than earth, so His ways are higher than our ways and His thoughts higher than our thoughts.

- **1 Corinthians 2:7-14 HCSB** (7) On the contrary, we speak God's hidden wisdom in a mystery, which God predestined before the ages for our glory. (8) None of the rulers of this age knew it, for if they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. (9) But as it is written: **What no eye has seen and no ear has heard, and what has never come into a man's heart, is what God has prepared for those who love Him.** (10) Now God has revealed them to us by the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the deep things of God. (11) For who among men knows the concerns of a man except the spirit of the man that is in him? In the same way, no one knows the concerns of God except the Spirit of God. (12) Now we have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, in order to know what has been freely given to us by God. (13) We also speak these things, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual things to spiritual people. (14) But the natural man does not welcome what comes from God's Spirit, because it is foolishness to him; he is not able to know it since it is evaluated spiritually.

The things which Paul taught, called "God's hidden wisdom" or the teachings of the Spirit, had never even entered the mind of man. God had to reveal them to us by the Spirit and if we are to understand something of God and speak, not in words taught by human wisdom but by the Spirit, we are going to have to deepen our dependency on the Spirit.

The Counselor was sent in order to testify of Christ and is rightly called the Spirit of truth.

- **John 15:26 HCSB** "When the Counselor comes, the One I will send to you from the Father--the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father--He will testify about Me.

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<sup>1</sup> Genesis 1:2

<sup>2</sup> 2 Peter 1:20-21; Romans 3:2

How could we ever hope to grasp truth without the Spirit's guidance? We empathize with the Ethiopian who, when Philip asked him "Do you understand what you're reading?" responded "How can I unless someone guides me?"

- **Romans 8:26 HCSB** In the same way the Spirit also joins to help in our weakness, because we do not know what to pray for as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with unspoken groanings.

Not only do we need the Spirit's help in understanding the Scriptures but we also need help in praying their truths into our lives. We are often at a loss as to how to respond to God's promptings, but the Spirit comes alongside our weakness, because we do not know what to pray for and intercedes on our behalf with unspoken groanings.

- **John 16:7-14 HCSB** Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth. It is for your benefit that I go away, because if I don't go away the Counselor will not come to you. If I go, I will send Him to you. (8) When He comes, He will convict the world about sin, righteousness, and judgment: (9) about sin, because they do not believe in Me; (10) about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see Me; (11) and about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged. (12) "I still have many things to tell you, but you can't bear them now. (13) When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth. For He will not speak on His own, but He will speak whatever He hears. He will also declare to you what is to come. (14) He will glorify Me, because He will take from what is Mine and declare it to you.

The Spirit teaches us about sin, righteousness and judgment; gradually and progressively guiding us to ultimate truth.

The Spirit empowers every real change for the good in our lives.

- **Galatians 5:16 HCSB** I say then, walk by the Spirit and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.
- **Galatians 5:22-25 HCSB** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, (23) gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law. (24) Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. (25) If we live by the Spirit, we must also follow the Spirit.

The Spirit is so essential that true worship can only occur through the Spirit of truth.

- **John 4:23-24 HCSB** But an hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth. Yes, the Father wants such people to worship Him. (24) God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

The Spirit even brings the Scriptures back into our minds at appropriate times and to fill our mouths with irresistible wisdom when we courageously confess the Lord in times of trial.

- **Luke 21:12-15 HCSB** But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and persecute you. They will hand you over to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of My name. (13) It will lead to an opportunity for you to witness. (14) Therefore make up your minds not to prepare your defense ahead of time, (15) for I will give you such words and a wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict.

May the Spirit of Truth guide us as we search the Scriptures.