

The Power of God's Word

Part 3

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I Corinthians 2:9-16



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**But you have an anointing from
the Holy One and all of you
know the truth.**

I John 2:20



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As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as the anointing teaches you about all things and as the anointing is real not counterfeit—just as it has taught you, remain in him.

I John 2:27

**The Ministry of the Holy Spirit
in transforming our lives
through the power of the Word!**



Discussion Question:

**When is the last time that happened
to you? How did you feel?
What did you do because of it?**



Genesis 19



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**If the Word is going to change us,
we must understand it and its
intentions for our lives.**



I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned and revealed them to little children.

Matthew 11:25



**The Word as the revelation of God
is written at a higher level than any
of us can attain.**



“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. “As the heavens are higher than the earth so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

Isaiah 55:8-9



**The Bible is the revelation of
who God is, his thoughts and
his ways in written form.**



The illumination of Scripture follows naturally in the sequence of God's self-disclosure.

- **Revelation is what God has said about himself in his word.**
- **Inspiration is the recording of what God has said.**
- **Illumination is the process by which the words that one reads in the Bible come alive in one's heart and mind.**

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God's word is personal.



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**Illumination is like hearing
God call your name, not
literally, but spiritually.**



**The Holy Spirit understands,
like no one else what God wants to
say to us, as Paul makes clear in his
word to us in I Corinthians 2:9-16.**



Job was described in the Old Testament book that bears his name as a blameless and upright man, who feared God and shunned evil.



**God had great confidence in Job
and told Satan as much.**



**The Lord gave Satan permission
to take everything from Job,
putting Job in his hands but he
could not take his life.**



**Job suffered terribly and
was greatly tested.**



In Job 38-41, God spoke to Job face to face and revealed his sovereignty, majesty, and power to him.



**My ears had heard of you, but
now my eyes have seen you.
Therefore, I despise myself and
repent in dust and ashes.**

Job 42:5-6



Discussion Question:

Have you ever had the Holy Spirit make clear to you something, you thought you understood? What was it?



A classic case of this is Paul's conversion found in Acts 9. Paul was a brilliant young rabbi who was well-schooled in the Jewish faith, the Old Testament, and the law.



**But you have an anointing
from the Holy One and
all of you know the truth.**

I John 2:20



**The Holy Spirit can help us see,
as we read the word, what we
could not see before, and hear,
as we listen to the word, hear what
we have not heard before.**



- **The Spirit of truth.**
- **Has taken up residence within us.**
- **The Holy Spirit is Teacher.**



John 14:15-17



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**The Holy Spirit helps you
to hear at the highest level
that is possible for humans.**



There are **three** levels of hearing
that humans are capable of:

1. The first level is simply receiving the
auditory waves that come into one's
ears.

Tony Evans (The Transforming Word)



There are **three** levels of hearing
that humans are capable of:

2. The second level is the understanding level,
where you go beyond just picking up sound
waves to focusing your mind on what the sound
means.

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There are **three** levels of hearing
that humans are capable of:

3. The third level is reached with the
message not only gets in your brains but
down in your bones.

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Ephesians 4:11-14



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**We need anointed men
and women who preach
and teach the truth.**



Take a lesson from the Bereans, who Acts 17:10 says, “Were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the scriptures daily to see if what Paul said was true.”



**You ought to be fact
checking everybody,
including me.**



**If you have never had the Holy
Spirit illumine the scriptures to
you, then, perhaps,**



1. You have sin in your life that is blocking you from hearing from GOD. Sin separates us from God and keeps us from hearing from him.



**2. You do not believe God's word.
For you the scriptures are just words
on a page, not the word of God.**



If you want the Holy Spirit to make the Word come alive in your life, in fresh, relevant and life-changing ways, then here are some things you must do:



- 1. Accept Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior.**
- 2. Pray and ask the Spirit to illumine the scriptures for you. Psalm 119:18**



Ephesians 1:15-18



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3. Seek to be in fellowship with the Spirit.



I John 2:27 - to remain in him.



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4. Yield to the Spirit of God.



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**5. Read the Word daily so
that the Holy Spirit has
something to work with.**



Discussion Question:

**Do you read the word daily?
Why or why not? Does the Holy Spirit
speak to you through the word?
Is reading and studying the word
a joy, a chore or a bore?**



**6. Let the Word be written on
your heart.**

