

Lesson 9:

A. Concerning the Scriptures

1. The Holy Spirit is the author of the Scriptures

- Purpose for Scriptures is Doctrine: Many hear the word *doctrine* and shy away from it, however, doctrine simply means *teachings or precepts*.
- The word *doctrine* is used 51 times throughout the Bible.
- We must understand the emphasis that the LORD places upon Bible doctrine because, after all, Bible doctrine is His doctrine.
- We can be wrong about a lot of things but we must NOT be wrong about the doctrine of the Bible.
- If you have the incorrect doctrine then you have the incorrect teaching. If you have incorrect teaching then it corrupts the truths of God's Word.
- Corrupt doctrine has led to many false and heretical religious sects, religions, and cults.
- A few examples of groups based on false doctrine;
 - Jehovah's Witness – based on teachings of Charles Taze Russell
 - Mormons (LDS, Latter Day Saints) – based on teachings of Joseph Smith
 - Scientology – based on teachings of L. Ron Hubbard
 - Unitarian – based on teachings of Theophilus Lindsey
 - Wicca – based on teachings of Gerald Gardner
 - Buddhism – based on teachings of Siddhartha Gautama (Buddah)
 - Freemasonry -based on teachings of Joseph Findel
 - Illuminati – based on teachings of Adam Weishaupt
 - Islam – based on teachings of Muhammad
- All of these groups are far from the doctrine of the Holy Scriptures because they teach doctrine contrary to the Word of God. Most are based upon man's doctrine.

2. Proof texts that our Bible was authored by the Holy Spirit:

- **2 Timothy 3:16** *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:*
- **1 Timothy 5:17** *Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.*
- **1 Timothy 4:16** *Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.*

3. The Holy Spirit delivered the Scriptures to chosen men to be the human-penmen.

A. According to David

- **2 Samuel 23:2** *The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word was in my tongue.*

B. According to Isaiah

- **Isaiah 59:21** *As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.*

C. According to Jeremiah

- **Jeremiah 1:9** *Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.*

D. According to Jesus

- **Matthew 5:18** *For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.*

E. According to John

- **John 16:13-14** *Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.*

F. According to Peter

- **2 Peter 1:20-21** *Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*

G. According to Paul

- **2 Timothy 3:15-17** *And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*

2. The Holy Spirit is the interpreter of Scriptures

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- **Luke 24:44-45** *And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. 45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,*

A. The Holy Spirit gives Revelation

- **Ephesians 1:17** *That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:*
- **1 John 2:20** *But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. (the word unction means anointing or special endowment)*

- **1 John 2:27** *But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.*

B. Inspiration

- **2 Timothy 3:16** *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:*
- **Job 32:8** *But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.*

C. Illumination

- **1 Corinthians 2:11-16**

11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

- **Psalms 119:15-18**

15 I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.

16 I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

17 GIMEL. Deal bountifully with thy servant, that I may live, and keep thy word.

18 Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

- **1 John 2:27**

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