

It seems obvious that some are satisfied in believing doctrines without biblical basis (cp. 2 John 9). Brethren let us strive “not to go beyond the things which are written” (1 Cor. 4:6 ASV cp. KJV).

The chart on the inside should be helpful in our studies. Please take all the subjects and Scriptures given in the left column and acknowledge what is taught, but let us never go beyond what is taught. And unless we can find BCV showing how it is accomplished we must stop right where we are (see **Deut. 29:29**)! There are some things not revealed to us.

I, and many others, believe God has revealed in the Bible very plainly how that the Holy Spirit does these things and that is by the Word of God. By inspiration of the Holy Spirit Himself, He tells us what His medium is: “and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God” (Eph. 6:17, check the context and see last month’s article). For example: How are we washed by the Spirit (see chart)? Is it not logically through the Word which the Spirit brought to mankind? ♥

Questions? The Bible has answers!

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Consider also:

How The Holy Spirit Converts

- Through earthen vessels (2 Cor. 4:7; 2 Tim. 2:2).
- Through teaching (John 6:44,45).
- Through the gospel (Rom. 1:16).
- Through the Word of truth (James 1:18,21,22).
- Gives light by the Word (Psa. 119:105,130).
- He begets by the Word (1 Pet. 1:23).
- Purifies through the Word (1 Pet. 1:22).
- Quickens by the Word (Heb. 4:12; Psa. 119:50).
- Cleanses by the Word (John 15:3).
- Gives faith by the Word (Rom. 10:17).
- Sanctifies by the Word (John 17:17).
- Purifies hearts by the Word (Acts 15:7-9).
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“Hold fast the form of sound words”

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(II Tim. 1:13 cp. Tit. 1:9; Jude 3)

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The Holy Spirit Works Through The Word

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I have been called many things: some not so good and probably worse things behind my back. Last summer I was teaching a class on the Holy Spirit. We had two visitors from two different out of town churches of Christ. After class I spoke to the visitors and went on out to the foyer to speak with others as they left. I noticed one visitor held back and was out of my sight. I later learned he was backbiting me! When he came by he said I was a false teacher and that the Holy Spirit comforted him. I very nicely and calmly asked him: “How does the Holy Spirit do that?” Amazingly, he never answered, but he said he was going to have his preacher contact me. I told him that would be good and that I was willing to discuss the matter with anyone. It has been many months now and I have not heard from him or his preacher. This did not surprise me at all! I believe it is evident who is holding to error. The other visitor said he believes as I do and that his preacher taught the same thing.

I do not believe, nor did I teach that the Holy Spirit does not comfort the Christian. What prompted this brother to say what he did I have no idea. I wish he, or someone who believes in the literal personal indwelling, would explain to us just how they think the Holy Spirit comforts us separate and apart from the Word! And then give us BCV for their answer. Do they believe the Holy Spirit imparts some kind of warm feeling or what??? I cannot find that they have Bible on which to stand! And brethren, this is very serious. The Bible still says: “If any man speak, *let him speak* as the oracles of God” (1 Peter 4:11). I would have loved for the brother or his preacher to explain by speaking the “oracles of God” just how the Holy Spirit comforts and does all the other things outside the Word of God. (see page 4)