

The Holy Spirit and Spirituality – Part 1

The Spirit and the Word

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. Today we are beginning an exciting series of studies on The Holy Spirit and Spirituality. Our topic today: The Spirit and the Word.

Scripture Theme Song: The fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23)

- 1) The Holy Spirit and Revelation
 - a) 2 Timothy 3:16-17
 - b) 2 Peter 1:19-21
 - c) Example: Daniel 2:19-23
 - d) Why is it important to remember that the Scriptures are a revelation from God rather than simply human reflections about God?
- 2) The Holy Spirit and Inspiration
 - a) How does inspiration work? Does God provide a word for word account for the prophet to write down?
 - b) Deuteronomy 18:18
 - c) Jeremiah 1:4-9
 - d) 2 Samuel 23:2
 - e) Luke 1:1-4
 - f) 2 Peter 1:21
 - g) 1 Corinthians 2:9-12
 - h) What important insights have you gained about the process of inspiration from these Scripture passages?
- 3) The Holy Spirit and the Truthfulness of Scripture
 - a) Psalm 119:160
 - b) John 17:17
 - c) John 14:15-17 – called the Spirit of truth
 - d) Share a time when the Holy Spirit brought conviction to your heart regarding the truthfulness of a teaching in the Word of God.
- 4) The Holy Spirit as Teacher
 - a) John 16:13a
 - b) Why is it important to ask the Holy Spirit to be our Teacher as we study the Scriptures?
 - c) 1 Corinthians 2:13-14
 - d) As we prayerfully study the Scriptures with the Holy Spirit as our Teacher, we gain new insights for our lives today. What important lessons has the Holy Spirit been teaching you recently from the Word of God?
- 5) The Holy Spirit and the Word
 - a) What texts of Scripture assure us the Holy Spirit will always speak in harmony with the Word of God?
 - i) John 16:13-14
 - ii) John 14:26
 - b) What counsel would you give to a friend who claims to have special revelations from the Holy Spirit that contradict the clear teachings of the Bible?
 - c) 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21
 - d) Isaiah 8:20
 - e) Share a time when you thought you were following God's will but the Holy Spirit corrected you by pointing you to a clear teaching in the Word of God.