

led by the Spirit. Friend, if the written word of God, the Bible, had not been (or was not presently) in existence, you and I would be totally ignorant of the very existence of the being called the Holy Spirit. Why then do some today wish to separate the Holy Spirit from His Sword (the written word, the New Testament, Eph. 6:17)? If one seeks to take the sword out of the hand of the Holy Spirit today, he attempts to pervert the plan of God in converting lost men/women to Christ and in keeping saved men/women faithful to Christ! We honor then God's chosen method in conviction, conversion and sanctification of souls. The method simply stated is the Holy Spirit through inspired men wrote the Bible so men might hear, believe and obey God in order to spend eternity with Him.

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works” — 2 Tim. 3:16-17.

Jesus promised his apostles:

“Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you... These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter,

which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you... But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning... 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” — Jn. 14:17, 25-26; 15:26-27; 16:13.

We are to hear the *written* words of the Holy Spirit today. Do **not** expect Him to speak directly to your mind today.

“And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But **these are written, that ye might believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name” — John 20:20-31, emphasis mine, GLG).

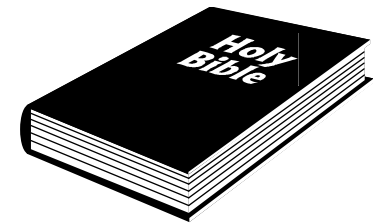
Yes indeed, the subject of the Holy Spirit is and should be of continuing interest to all who love God and His Word (2 Tim. 2:15). ■

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