

.God Speaks
The Role of the Holy Spirit
Unit 5 Day 2 of Experiencing God

Introduction:

- Miscommunication happens because of one or more of the following happens:
 1. The one s_____ did a poor job of communicating.
 2. The one l_____ did a poor job of listening.
 3. The m_____ is flawed.
- If God is trying to communicate with us:
 1. The problem cannot be with Him. He is the one who created us and the only one who knows our h_____ and minds (Jer 17:9,10; Rev 2:23).
 2. The problem cannot be with His w_____.
 3. The problem has to be with us – something is wrong with our heart or our m_____.
- God has given the Holy Spirit to believers to fix this problem.

The Holy Spirit p_____ indwells us

- This was not the case in the Old Testament. The Holy Spirit only came _____ certain people to do certain ministries.
 1. Numbers 11:25 – the Spirit was _____ Moses and placed _____ the elders to share the burden of ministry.
 2. Judges 3:10; Ezekiel 11:5 – the Spirit came _____ the j_____ and the prophets.
 3. I Sam 16:13 – the Spirit came upon David and s_____ upon him throughout his kingship.
- Jesus promised that when He would send the Holy Spirit that the Spirit would be inside them f_____ (Jn 14:16,17)
 1. Acts records the coming of the Holy Spirit to believers:
 - a. First, He came to J_____ Christians (1:5; 2:1-4).
 - b. Second, He came to S_____ Christians (8:14-17).
 - c. Third, He came to G_____ Christians (10:44-47).
 - d. Finally, He came to followers of John the Baptist who had not heard the complete g_____ (19:1-7)
 2. By the time Paul wrote I Cor 6:19, the Holy Spirit had come to ALL believers and he could write that the Holy Spirit is _____ every believer. This means that the instant a person believes, the Holy Spirit permanently lives inside them.

The Holy Spirit t_____ fixes our hearts and minds

- The Holy Spirit is God and c_____ speak independently.
 1. There is only one G_____ (Isaiah 46:9) and He has revealed Himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
 2. Jesus is God in the f_____ (John 1:1,14)
 3. The Holy Spirit is called the L_____ in 2 Cor 3:17,18
- Unbelievers cannot a_____ nor understand the things of God, but believers are given the m_____ of Christ (I Cor 2:14-16).
 1. We believers must constantly r_____ our minds (Romans 12:12; Ephesians 4:2-24)
 2. We believers must not let sin r_____ our hearts (Col 3:15).
 3. Biblical examples of God overriding a person's heart and mind so that they could understand the message.
 - a. The Spirit overrode Philip's p_____ so he could understand that he was to preach to the Samaritans, a despised people by the Jews.
 - b. The Spirit overrode Philip's traditional application of the L_____ of Moses so he could understand that he was to witness to the Ethiopian eunuch.
- If we are mistaken as to what God is saying, it is because God is _____ saying it.

1. Often times we second guess God, but this is not communication but s_____
2. Often times we apply a method to God speaking, like the opened-door and closed-door philosophy –
WRONG
 - a. When the people of Israel sent the s_____ into the promised land and heard their report, they viewed it as a closed door (Numbers 13) – but God said to take the land.
 - b. When the apostles were ordered by the legal authorities not to p_____ the gospel, they could have viewed it as a closed door. But they understood that they were to obey G_____ rather than men (Acts 5:28,29).
 - c. Some pastors view a bigger church that needs a pastor as an opened-door. O_____ does not equal God telling us something.

Conclusion – When God speaks, you may not like what He is saying, but you will have no d_____ that He is speaking.