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**The Holy Spirit**

Jesus introduces the Holy Spirit to his disciples in the lead up to His crucifixion. **John 14, 15 & 16.**

Foundation Scriptures

**John 14: 15 – 18**

**John 7: 37 – 39**

**Luke 24: 49**

Comforter means – (intercessor, counselor or advocate). Only used 4 times in John’s Gospel

Endued means – To be clothed with

Power – Miraculous ‘Dynamis’

Jesus ministered under the Old Covenant Law.

The Spirit of God dwelt in the Holy or Holies in the Temple – a structure made by man.

Jesus was promising something different. He was introducing something completely new – The Holy Spirit.

**What do we know about the Holy Spirit?**

The Beginning

He is God (Part of the Trinity – Father, Son (The Word) & Holy Spirit)

**Genesis 1: 1 – 3**

John 1:1- 3

Proverbs 8: 22 – 30 (Luke 11:49 & 1 Corinthians 1: 24)

*(Isaiah 45: 18-19) God did not form the earth in vain. He formed it to be inhabited.*

The Spirit of God moved upon the face of the deep.

God is a three-part being

Matthew 3: 16 – 17

Matthew 28: 19

John 10: 30 (I and my father are one)

John 14: 9 (if you have seen me, you have seen the father)

1 John 5: 7 (These three are one)

Luke 9: 34 (Transfiguration – cloud)

**Three-part nature of man**

Man was made in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1: 26). ***Let us….***

**Spirit** – The part that connects with the Spirit realms

**Soul** – The part that deals with the mental & intellectual realm

**Body** – The part that deals with the physical realm

1 Thessalonians 5: 23

Man is a Spirit; he possesses a soul and lives in a body

Soul – (Greek work Psyche) Mind, will, emotions –thinker, feeler, chooser.

Spirit – God breathed life. That’s the real you

Hebrews 4: 12

*All three must be developed to operate in their full capacity*

Matthew 4: 4 – Man shall not live by bread alone

Proverbs 20: 27 – The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord (lamp or light

Which part of us died and became new

2 Corinthians 5: 17 - If any man is in Christ, he is a new creation.

Galatians 2:20 – Our spirit man was crucified with Christ

Colossians 3: 9 -10

*This is the part that was spiritually dead and had to be recreated*

Mind renewal

Romans 12: 1 – 2

Conformed – Fashioned like, similar pattern, following superficial customs

Transformed – Metamorpho (Metamorphosis) – like a butterfly

World – Kosmos (often refers to the inhabited earth and the people who live on the earth, which functions apart from God – A world system ruled by Satan.

Renewing – a renovation / restoration – a complete change for the better.

* Our mind has largely been educated through the natural realm – the five physical sense realm
* It will often side with the body if not renewed
* We remain baby, carnal or body ruled Christians (1 Corinthians 3: 3)
* You can be Christians all your life and never develop spiritually, never understanding faith, the power of words, spiritual authority / dominion.
* Yet we cannot fully live the Christian life unless we walk by faith, because the Word says that we walk by faith and not by sight.
* Remember, the power of God in our lives is passive until faith is exercised.
* If we are body ruled, we are always in warfare. Life is a battle
* Galatians 5: 16 – 18 (AMP)

**Polycarp**

Many will die for a belief. None will die for a lie.

He was only able to die for Christ because he lived for him.

* The battle has been won and the enemy defeated

Colossians 3: 1 - 3

Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth (1 John 2: 15-17)

John 17: 14 – 17

They are not of the **world** (Kosmos) even as I am not of the world.

This renewal is daily

2 Corinthians 4: 16

For though our outward man perishes, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. *The mind will never be renewed until we practice love daily*. *God is Love.*

**The operation of the Spirit of God in the Old Testament**

In the Old Testament, people were not born again therefore the Holy Spirit could not live inside them. He could only come upon them to anoint them for service.

In the Old Testament, the Spirit came upon the Prophet, Priest and King. They were often anointed with oil. The Spirit also came upon those for service.

The anointing oil was Holy because it was a type of the Spirit of God.

Examples:

Genesis 39: 1 - 2 (The Lord was with Joseph)

Genesis 41: 38– Spirit of Joseph was recognised by Pharaoh

Exodus 31: 1 – 6 (Spirit of knowledge and workmanship)

Numbers 11: 16 -17 (transfer of Spirit onto leaders)

Judges 13: 25 & 14: 6 (Spirit came up Sampson)

Daniel 6: 3 (An excellent Spirit – pre-eminent, surpassing, extreme, extraordinary). That is supernatural.

John the Baptist – Luke 1:15 – filled with the spirit even from his mothers womb

The anointing for the Office of Priest

Anoint means: To rub with oil, to smear, to consecrate

Exodus 30:30

The anointing for the Office of King

1 Samuel 16: 13 (Spirit came upon David). Psalm 89:20 - 24

2 Samuel 5: 4 & 10 (The Lord was with him)

The anointing for the Office of Prophet

1 Kings 19: 15 – 16 (Elijah anointed future prophets and kings)

The Spirit of God was not indwelt in the human spirit at this time. That was the promise to come.

John 14: 15 – 17

* The World cannot receive the Spirit of Truth
* The Holy Spirit could not be given to the disciples during the earthy ministry of Jesus

***Two Spirits:***

Spirit of the world

1 Corinthians 2: 12 - 14 (We have not received the spirit of the world)

Ephesians 2: 1 – 3 (the prince of the power of the air)

2 Corinthians 4: 4 (the god of this world system / order)

2 Timothy 1: 7 (spirit of fear)

Spirit of God

Romans 8: 15 – 16 (Not the spirit of ***fear*** but the Spirit of ***adoption***)

1 Corinthians 3: 16 (The Spirit of God dwells in us – His temple)

Ephesians 1: 13

**The Spirit of Truth**

Spirit or Error

Spirit of the World

Prince of the power of the air

Prince of this world

The God of this World (System)

Spirit of Fear

Seducing spirits (Deceiver / Imposter)

John 14: 16 - 17

John 16: 13 – 14

Spirit of Error

1 John 4: 6

That’s why we don’t seek counsel from the ungodly (Psalm 1)

*Blessed is the man that walks not in the counsel of the ungodly*

*Nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sit in the seat of the scornful.*

*But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law does he*

*meditate day and night*

 Satan’s challenge to God’s Word

Genesis 3:1

Matthew

4:4

**If you don’t know the truth, you can’t discern a lie**

Satan is the father of lies

John 8:44

Jesus is The Truth – John 14:6

* The world cannot receive the Spirit of Truth
* Guide you into all truth. Guide – To show the way
* Not speak of Himself
* Show you things to come
* Glorify Jesus (John 16: 14) Glorify – Honour or magnify
* Testify of Jesus (John 15: 26) Testify – Bear witness / give a good report

The spirit of God will never exalt or magnify a man

Example Acts 12:20 / Acts 4: 19 - 20

John 14: 26 – The Spirit of God is the teacher of the Church, not the devil.

1 John 2: 20 & 27

The word unction is the same word “Anointing”.

The anointing enables your spirit to witness to the truth

Romans 3:4

Let God be true and every man a liar

Numbers 23: 19

God is not a man that he should lie.

Jeremiah 17: 5 – 10

* The heart is deceitful above all things
* Desperately wicked (Incurable, woeful, sick)
* Who can know it

You can’t trust your own heart. The Word is a lamp.

Psalm 119: 105

Psalm 119: 130

King David’s heart felt cry to God – Psalm 139: 23 – 24

* Search me (examine intimately)
* Try me (to examine, to test or to prove)
* Lead me (to guide) In the WAY (A course of life)

Only the Spirit of God can transform the heart of a man

No human effort – It’s GRACE and GRACE alone (Ephesians: 8 – 9)

Turning away from truth

2 Timothy 4: 1 – 4

The answer - Preach the Word.

Sound means – not corrupted, wholesome or safe

Doctrine means – Learning or teaching

Fables means – Myths, fiction, a falsehood

**The work of the Holy Spirit**

John 16: 7 – 11 (NLT)

Comforter means – advocate, one who pleads another’s cause. An intercessor (Hebrews 7:25)

Reprove means – Convict, convince, admonish or tell a fault.

Convict the world of Sin

The world’s sin is that it refuses to believe me*.* *(Not the sins of the flesh)*

It makes no mention of the Law of Moses (Thou shalt not….)

Because of one man’s disobedience, many were made sinners (Romans 5:19)

John 6: 28 - 29

1 John 3: 23 - 24

2 Corinthians 3: 5 - 6 & 12 – 18 (NLT)

Galatians 3: 22

Hebrews 10: 12 – 14 (Hebrews 9: 27 – 28)

Acts 16: 30 – 31 (What must I do to be saved?) Consider rich young ruler

Convict the world of God’s Righteousness

Righteousness is available because I go to the father

Righteousness could never come by the law of Moses. It comes only by faith in Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 5: 21

Jesus took on more than just sin. He took upon him sin nature itself. That is why we are new creations in Christ. The old has passed away – FOREVER. He that is dead is freed from sin (Romans 6: 7)

Romans 5: 17 – 21

Genesis 15: 5 – 6 – Abram believed the Lord and it was accounted as to him for righteousness

Genesis 17: 1 – 7 (Jesus fulfilled this covenant by going to the cross)

Galatians 3: 13 – 14 & 29

Convict the world of Judgment

Judgment will come because the ruler of this world has already been judged

Hebrews 2: 14

Colossians 2: 13 – 15

Philippians 2: 9 – 11. Those who reject Jesus must be judged as Satan was judged.

Acts 26: 18 – Why the Apostle Paul was sent by God.

**Ministry of Jesus**

Jesus performed no public ministry until he was Baptised in the River Jordan with the Holy Spirit.

Luke 2: 42 – 49

Jesus was hearing and asking questions. It did not say he was teaching.

He was about His father’s business

Baptism

Matthew 3: 11 – 17

* Led by the Spirit into the wilderness
* Returned in the power of the Spirit (Not his power)

Jesus had the spirit without measure

John 3:34

Measure means – (limited portion). Jesus is limitless. That’s why His name is matchless.

Luke 4: 18 (Anointed by the Spirit) – Isaiah 61: 1

* Preach the gospel to the poor
* Heal the brokenhearted
* Preach deliverance to the captives
* Recovery of sight to the blind
* Set at liberty them that are bruised
* Preach the acceptable year of the Lord (The Jubilee)

Acts 10: 38

God anointed Jesus with the **Holy Spirit** and with **power**

* Went about doing good
* Healing all that were oppressed of the devil
* For God was with him

Jesus operated as man in the earth. That was the mystery. Had the princes of this world known, they would never have crucified the Lord of glory (1 Corinthians 2:8)

Philippians 2: 6 - 11

Jesus put aside his deity and became a man.

The little ant story

Hebrews 4: 15

Tempted like as we are yet without sin

Hebrews 5: 7 – 10

Jesus learned obedience through suffering

No man can tame the tongue

James 3: 8

No man can tame the tongue

John 5: 19

John 5: 30

John 6: 38

John 12: 49 – 50

Jesus only spoke with words of the Father and did the will of the Father

Examples of being Led by the Spirit

* ***Zacchaeus*** – (Luke 19) – I must abide at your house
* ***Woman of Samaria*** (John 4) – It was necessary that Jesus go that way.
* ***Lazarus*** – (John 11: 6 & 15) Heard about his sickness and remained two days. He was dead 4 days and Jesus said He was glad for their sakes he wasn’t there

**Baptism of the Holy Spirit**

John 14: 15 -17 & 26

The Holy Spirit is not God’s gift to the world. Jesus is God’s gift (John 3:16). The Holy spirit is God’s power gift to the church

The promise

Mark 1:8

John 16: 7 – If I don’t go, the comforter will not come to you.

Isaiah 28:11 – For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to his people (1 Corinthians 14:21).

Luke 11: 11 -13 (Don’t fear the gift of the Holy Spirit. That’s what you will get).

Luke 24: 49

Endued means to be clothed

Power = miraculous Dynamis

Why could not the disciples be given the Holy Spirit during the earthly ministry of Jesus? (John 7: 38 -39) – John 20: 17 & 22 Jesus said, receive the Holy Ghost.

Acts 1:8

Power = Dynamis

Witnesses = (record or martyr)

1 Corinthians 2: 1 – 4

* Preaching was not with enticing (persuasive) words of man’s wisdom
* But in demonstration of the Spirit and power

That your faith should not stand in the wisdom men, but in the power of God

Pentecost

(Shavuot or Festival of Weeks / Harvest 7 x 7 + 1).

Celebration of the giving of the law at Mt. Sinai (Leviticus 23: 15 – 16).

Fifty days after Passover. Ten days after Jesus ascended back to heaven.

3000 died – Exodus 32: 28. Compare with Acts 2: 41.

Pentecost to the believer is a celebration of the giving of Grace (3000 saved).

**Acts 2: 1 - 4**

Rushing mighty wind = violent or forcible

The same power is available to all believers today.

**Note:** *This is a separate experience to salvation and water baptism, but it can occur at the same time as either of these two events.*

The people gathered heard their own native tongue.

They heard them speak the wonderful works of God (Acts 2: 11).

Acts 2: 33 – which you now SEE and HEAR

Acts 2: 37 – 39

Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins AND you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit

Is speaking in tongues evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit?

This is the only single evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit that is in harmony throughout scripture.

Satan is s deceiver and does not want believers to receive this necessary gift.

**Acts 8: 9 – 17**

* Philip was preaching Christ in Samaria
* The people heard and saw miracles
* Simon believed also and was baptized in water??
* Samaria had received the word and baptized in the name of Jesus only
* Had not yet Received the Holy Spirit
* Hands laid on them and they received the Holy Spirit
* Simon **SAW** through laying on of hands that the Hoy Spirit was given
* Power = Exousia (authority or ability)
* Heart not right in the SIGHT OF GOD
* Solution = repent
* He was in the bond of iniquity and not saved. No heart change

**Acts 9: 1 - 6**

* Paul’s conversion was immediate
* Who are you Lord and what will you have me to do
* Verse 10 – Ananias
* Called him brother Saul (This is a distinct reference to a brother in Christ)
* Laid hands on him
* Be filled with the Holy Spirit
* Then he was baptized (“Baptizo” – to immerse or submerge or to wash clean)
* Note 1 Corinthians 14: 18
* Straight away he preached Christ that he is the son of God. The power to witness.

**Act 10: 44 – 46**

* This event was meticulously planned by God
* Frist gentile converts (10 years after Pentecost)
* The centurion ‘Cornelius” was a God fearing man and his household
* The Holy Spirit fell on all that heard the word. The word is anointed.
* They heard the gentiles speak with tongues and magnify God – Astonished.
* They were then baptized in water after receiving the baptism in Holy Spirit

**Acts 19: 1 – 6**

* Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed?
* They were baptized into John’s baptism
* They were then baptized in the name of Jesus
* Paul laid hands on them and the Holy Spirit came upon them and they spoke with tongues and prophesied

Why should we pray and speak in an unknown tongue?

1 Corinthians 14: 1 – 5

Three things Christians do when they speak in tongues

* Speaks mysteries – hidden or secret thing (Romans 8: 26 – 27)
* Edifies himself (Jude 20) – means build up or embolden – same as Jude 20
* Speaks to God, not man.

How important was speaking in tongues to Paul?

1 Corinthians 14: 18

To understand 1 Corinthians 14, it must be read in conjunction with chapters 12 and 13 for context (approx. 20 references to ‘tongue’ or ‘tongues’).

Paul was answering a series of questions asked by the Corinthian church leading up to this

* 1 Corinthians 7: 1
* 1 Corinthians 7: 25
* 1 Corinthians 8: 1
* 1 Corinthians 12: 1

*After receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit, the primary use of speaking in another tongue is for personal praise, worship and prayer. The believer does not understand with his mind what he is saying, but his spirit holds direct communication with God, and in this way he is able to edify (or build up) himself. This is spiritual weight training*

Verse 5: I would that you all speak with tongues. But greater is he that prophesies than he that speaks with tongues unless he interprets, that the church may receive edifying.

One who prophesies

* Speaks unto men
* ***Edification*** (builds up) ***exhortation*** and ***comfort*** (console)
* Edifies the Church

Prophesying is not about what the devil is doing but about what God is doing.

1 Corinthians 14:31

*To ‘prophesy’ is to speak by the supernatural inspiration of the Holy Spirit in a language understood by the speaker and by those spoken to. This is more beneficial to the church.*

One who interprets

*Through the gift of interpretation, Christians may come to know the meaning of an utterance previously given in an unknown tongue. In a public meeting, an utterance given out loud in an unknown tongue should normally be followed by the interpretation, so that all can benefit. If there is no one to interpret, the believer may speak in an unknown tongue ‘to himself and to God’.*

Final work on tongues

1 Corinthians 14: 39 – 40

Covet to prophesy and forbid not to speak with tongues

**How to discern truth and error (deception)?**

1 John 4: 1 – 6 (KJV & NLT)

Hereby know we the spirit of truth and the spirit of error

1 Corinthians 6:19

You are a temple of the Holy Spirit which resides in you

John 14: 15 -17

The world can’t receive the spirit of truth

1 Corinthians 2: 12 - 16

Natural man can’t receive spiritual things. They are spiritually discerned.

Psalm 1: 1 – 3 (KJV & NLT)

Blessed is the man that walks not in the counsel (advice, advisement, plan or purpose) of the ungodly.

His delight is in the Word of God.

His fruit is determined by where he is planted.

How to discern / judge prophecy and prophesying.

**Hebrews**

**5: 12-14**

Reason of use or habit.

How to discern (Judge) good and evil. Exercise,

 train (Gym)

*To ‘prophesy’ is to speak by the supernatural inspiration of the Holy Spirit in a language understood by the speaker and by those spoken to. This is more beneficial to the church (2 Peter 1: 20-21).*

***Safeguards***

By their fruits you shall know them

* Matthew 7: 15 – 20. You shall know false prophets by their fruits, not their words – inwardly false, outwardly fine
* Paul warned in 2 Corinthians 11: 12 – 15 (NLT)
* Peter warned in 2 Peter 2: 1- 3 (NLT)
* John 15: 5 – Fruit comes of the branch which is connected to the vine (Jesus)

Does it glorify Jesus?

* John 16: 14 – The Spirit of God will always glorify Jesus and not a man
* Revelation 19:10 – The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophesy
* It should never attract attention to a man
* John said that he must decrease so that Jesus may increase (John 3:30)
* 1 Corinthians 12: 3 – When spiritual gifts (including prophecy) are in operation, the manifestation will make Jesus Lord, not man.
* 1 John 4: 1 – 2 – If the prophecy is of God, it points to Jesus and Jesus alone.
* We can judge a prophet or prophecy according to their attitude toward Jesus.
* If they lead people away from Jesus or create division within the church, they are wrong.
* If they magnify man rather than Jesus they are wrong (John 15: 26).

Does it agree with Scripture?

* 2 Timothy 3: 16 -17

*“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”.*

* Hebrews 4: 12 - discerner (judge) of the thoughts and intents of the heart
* John 6: 63 – Jesus words are spirit and life.
* John 16: 13 – Whatever the Holy Spirit shall hear, that shall he speak.
* The Spirit and the Word will always agree (1 John 5: 7)
* Matthew 4: 4 – Man shall not live by bread alone
* The word of God is the will of God. Prophecy and the word must align to be accurate. If it can’t be found in the Word, don’t receive it, no matter who has spoken it.
* Acts 17: 10 – 12. The Church in Berea searched the Scriptures daily. As a result, many believed.
* Joshua 1: 8 – *This book of the law shall not depart out of our mouth, but you shall meditate therein day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written therein,* ***for then*** *you shall make your* ***way prosperous*** *and then you shall have* ***good success***.
* Be cautious with, *“I’m telling you what God has said.”.* It must be tested with the Word of God on every occasion. No exceptions.

Not all prophecy is from God

* If someone leads you away from God and the Scriptures, don’t follow.
* Hence the need to know the Scriptures
* If it draws you into a deeper relationship with God, it is trustworthy.
* Matthew 16: 21 – 23 (KJV & NLT). What Peter spoke did not line up with the Word of God concerning Jesus. Peter was unknowingly being influenced by an evil spirit. Jesus was not calling Peter “Satan”, but Peter had unknowingly listened to the Devil and repeated the wrong thing.
* Don’t allow emotions to rule. What does the Word of God say?

**Warning**: Don’t seek words of prophecy over your life. Seek God. The Spirit of God knows *WHAT* you need and *WHEN* you need it.

Does it produce freedom or bondage?

* Are you a hostage or a rescuer?
* 2 Corinthians 4:13 – Spirit of faith will always produce freedom and liberty.
* 2 Corinthians 3: 17 – Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom
* If someone is wanting you to submit to the dictates of the Old Testament Law, it is bondage. We have been redeemed from the curse of the law (Galatians 3:13 – 14)
* We have “the same spirit” and can detect confusion / mixture (Law/Grace)
* Romans 8: 15 – We have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear
* 2 Timothy 1: 7 – We have not been given a spirit of fear.
* Any prophetic word that places you in fear is **NOT** from God. The first spiritual force to manifest in Adam at the fall in the garden was FEAR. It is designed to weaken and ultimately destroy FAITH.
* If something tries to place you in bondage, reject it and forget it
* Never bow to the dictates of a man
* Never follow a man. FOLLOW JESUS.
* Acts 20: 28 – 30 (NLT)

Warning from Paul – Men will come from outside and from within.

God won’t create division. He hates it (Proverbs 6: 19 & Psalm 133:1)

Corinthian Church warned not be carnal because of strife and division

The anointing abides in you

* 1 John 2: 18 – 27 (NLT)
* The Holy Spirit is the primary teacher, not man. Relying on a man to meet all your spiritual needs is dangerous
* Verse 24 – remain faithful to what you have been taught.
* John 6: 67 - 69 (To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life)
* 2 Timothy 4: 3 – 4 (NLT) - For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell then whatever their itching ears want to hear. They will reject the truth and chase after myths.
* When something is right, you have a knowing on the inside. The Holy Spirit is there to inform you.
* There is only one Gospel (Galatians 1: 6 – 10). Anything else is a lie from the devil.
* The abiding word becomes a witness on the inside. It will always lead you into truth (John 15: 7).

**Developing the Human Spirit**

How does an undeveloped spirit respond (what are the signs?)

1 Corinthians 2: 12 - 14

The natural man received not (does not understand) the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him. Neither can they know them because they are spiritually discerned (Scrutinize, investigate, interrogate, examine or judge).

Colossians 3: 1 - 3

Set your Affections (mind) on things above, not on things on the earth.

1 John 2: 15 -17 (Kosmos)

Love not the world (including worldly affairs, earthly goods, riches, advantages, pleasures).

* Lust of the flesh (longing or desire especially for what is forbidden)
* Lust of the eyes
* Pride of life (Self-confidence, boasting).

James 4: 1 – 8

Friendship of the world (only used once in Scripture) – means Fondness

Enmity (enemy) – hatred or hostility

Grace is extended to the humble in heart

What does humility look like?

1 Peter 5: 5 – 7

Casting all your cares upon Him, for He cares for you. ***That’s trusting God.***

John 17: 14 – 17 – The Word is truth

They are not of the **world** (Kosmos) even as I am not of the world.

Not remaining spiritual babies

Our years as Christians or church attendance don’t determine our spiritual maturity. The Bible is clear on this.

* Hebrews 5: 8 – 14

Paul was trying to introduce spiritual truths about Melchisedec.

“Dull” of hearing – Lazy, slow or slothful

We should be teachers on strong meat

Those that use milk (have no experience) are unskilled in the word of righteousness

Discern both good and evil (distinguishing, judging)

* 1 Peter 1: 23 to 2: 3

Now that you have had a taste of the Lord’s grace, cry out for nourishment from the sincere milk of the Word.

* Matthew 13: 14 – 15 (Jesus had similar concerns).

Acts 28: 27 – 2 (As did Paul).

Both were quoting Isaiah 6: 9 - 10

* Ephesians 4: 11 – 14 (NLT)

Be no more children tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men and cunning craftiness.

Mind renewal (Soul)

* Romans 12: 1 – 2
* 2 Corinthians 4: 16 (Daily renewal. Must practice love daily. God is Love)
* James 1: 21 – 25
1. ***Meditate on the Word*** (Joshua 1:8)
2. ***Practice the Word*** (James 1: 22) – observe and Do. Remember the Ten Commandments were given for spiritually dead people, not spiritually alive people. We are ‘new creation’ people. We have a new commandment to LOVE – it takes the place of all the others. Example – don’t worry about anything (Phil 4:6 & 1 Peter 5: 7)
3. ***Give the Word First Place in your life***. What does the word say, then obey it.
4. **Obey the voice of your spirit**. Proverbs 20: 27 – The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord
* The human spirit has a voice
* Guidance, intuition, inward voice or conscience
* John 16: 13 – The Spirit will guide us into all truth

**Finish with John 14: 15 - 17**