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vealing God's word is the same today as it was two millennia ago, although the method of imparting that message for the future church necessitated that certain works be fulfilled within a particular time period. Miraculous works that served the purpose to confirm a newly revealed gospel (Mark 16:20) would no longer be needed to confirm the documented testament we have today.

I am thankful that we will be able to meditate on these things as we are encouraged to do in Paul's message to the Philippian church. "Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you" (Philippians 4:8-9). May we pray for God's peace and unity in our studies together.

- Chris Kramer -

## - Word of the Week -

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- Brother -

"Brother" (*adelphos*) is the relationship that each Christian sustains in the family of Christ. We are brothers, brethren, and a brotherhood (1 Pet. 2:17). Remembering this, we will treat each other properly in the family of Christ. We will never mistreat any of our spiritual family members.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.  
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

# Thankful for the Holy Spirit

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I am thankful. I am thankful to be given the opportunity to teach on the important subject of the Holy Spirit. I don't know when I've ever looked forward with greater anticipation to preach on a subject like this in a gospel meeting. So again, I am thankful for the invitation.

I am thankful that the word of God, the book we call the Bible, is our lesson plan. With the great responsibility of teaching on the Holy Spirit comes the danger of blasphemy (Matt. 12:31). This is why my desire is to believe and teach only the things that the Spirit Himself has revealed in scripture. To go beyond the written word would not only lead others astray, but would also put my soul in jeopardy (Jas. 3:1).

One of the several detriments to understanding the Spirit and the will of God is when someone teaches as though with authority, their experiences in their "personal journey" and "personal enlightenment." We are not to think beyond the written word (1 Cor. 4:16). This does not mean that the things we experience are irrelevant, but we must ask ourselves, "Is my experience from God?" "Is my experience in accord with God's revealed word?" The only way to know, is to

search the scriptures to find out what is so (Acts 17:11). "Does my experience add to or take away from God's revealed word?" (Deut. 4:2)

I am thankful to the Father. Of course, we are to be thankful to God for everything. In the context of my thoughts for this article, I am thankful that the Father revealed Himself through sending His Son, Jesus, in the flesh and revealed Himself through the message of the Holy Spirit. If God wants us know something about Him, He has already told us. We call it the "will" of God, because He wills (wants) us to know. In Deuteronomy 29:29, we are taught, "The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us..."

Not only can we know what He wants us to know but we also have a responsibility to that revelation to keep His will. He never changes His mind along the way. He never throws curve balls to change with the times. God is sure and steadfast and has proven Himself over and over by keeping His promises to us. These are some of the many reasons we can trust Him for His glory. "For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us." (2 Cor. 1:20). We are not to expect the Holy Spirit to do the work for them, but the Lord

tells us to "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matt. 5:16)

I am thankful for the Holy Spirit. The purpose of this series is to examine many aspects of the Holy Spirit. Although there is so much revealed in scripture, we still have many questions. Lest we become overwhelmed with our personal curiosities, the answers we need to leave with is what the message of the Holy Spirit is.

We will look at how people believe they have the Spirit in contrast to what the Spirit says He actually does. We will discuss the contradictions of man's beliefs with what the Spirit actually revealed. We will examine how one receives the Spirit in contrast to false claims of miraculous endowments.

It is not my intention to be overly critical of those who have differing views, but to teach the truth about any subject is not also oppose the false doctrines that lead souls away from God.

If we focus so much on the "how" of the Spirit, we may overlook the "why" of the Spirit. His purpose of re-