

**Monday, 19 November 2018** 1 Corinthians 2:9-14 (1)

*But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"— these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except for the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.*

This point that Paul presents so clearly, that the Spirit searches everything, even the mind of the LORD, God, the Almighty, is something I knew, but I didn't **know**. Sure I've read the passages in John 14:15-17, 16:7-15, many times, but it never soaked in. **The Holy Spirit is the member of the Trinity whose function is to lead me into all truth.** Pilate in a quixotic manner, asked: "What is truth?" The Holy Spirit answers that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. The mind of the Godhead revealed.

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**Tuesday, 20 November 2018** 1 Corinthians 2:9-14 (2)

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Many years ago, I began the practice of reading a portion of the scriptures each day. Genesis 1:1-Revelation 22:21 and repeat. Frequently, as I am reading the Scriptures for the day, a word, a phrase, a sentence, a passage, will seem to leap off the page, illuminated, flashing, not to be ignored, and relevant to where I am at that moment. The Holy Spirit is continuing His work of revealing all truth to me.

**Wednesday, 21 November 2018** 1 Corinthians 2:9-14 (3)

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I must be very cautious, must become a Berean, before announcing to all that I have received a "new" understanding of the Word of the LORD. I need to ask:

1. Is this revelation consistent with all of Scripture? If the answer is no, go directly to the exit.
2. Is this the revelation that I was asking for? Double checkpoint 1 and if a positive check, go to implementation.

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**Thursday, 22 November 2018** 1 Corinthians 2:9-14 (4)

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I think this is a test that is useful in discerning the spiritual state of an individual. Are they striving to learn to be obedient to the Word? Are they seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit in ordering their life? I need to be careful and not be quick to apply my sense of direction by the Spirit to be something that He will reveal to someone else at a later time.

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**Friday, 23 November 2018** 1 Corinthians 3:16

*Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?*

God's temple is to be a holy place, pure and sanctified to Him, but I, as His temple, need cleansing and purification. The story of King Josiah (2 Kings 22:17ff) comes to mind as he sought to cleanse and purify the temple. This process culminated in the restoration of the Passover. (2 Kings 23:21-23)

I need to keep this story in mind as I follow the Spirit's lead as I seek to live in the Kingdom of Heaven in the here and now. A step by step process.

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**Saturday, 24 November 2018** 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

*Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.*

"And such some of you were. But in the eyes of the LORD, God the Almighty, I have been washed clean, I have been sanctified, made holy and justified in the name of the LORD Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. I have been set free, restored to the family of God. Hallelujah!

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**Lord's Day, 25 November 2018** Psalm 119:67-68

*Before I was afflicted, I went astray, but now I keep Your word. You are good and do good; teach me Your statutes.*

Lord, it is so good to live in the light of Your word, to know that You are with me, guiding me by revealing Your word and giving me understanding. You lay out Your statutes as a broad and rich tapestry; a beautiful and intricate detailing of life in Your kingdom. It is good for You are Good and without equal. Praise You, my Lord and my master.

# VOICES TOGETHER

*Daily Meditations from the Scriptures*



*November 19-25, 2018*

**Prayer of the week, based on Paul's prayer in: Ephesians 3:13-21**

*So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory. For this reason, I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.*

LORD, we pray that in the coming year, the [congregation] will grow in the power of Your love, that we will exercise every fiber of our being in the declaration of the immense scope of that love, and that we will spare no effort to bring others into the righteousness, peace and joy that is life in the Kingdom. Amen

***To fear or not to fear, that is the question.***

The fear of the Lord, an expression that occurs many times in Scripture, 142 in the ESV in various forms, is not well understood in the Church today. For many, the phrase represents a weak and flabby description of an overly saccharine spiritual being of some sort. It certainly does not include the concept of the LORD, God the Almighty who spoke all things into being and who controls all things.

Join with me in examining the fear of the LORD and seeking an understanding of life in the Kingdom of Heaven in the here and now as guided by that fear.

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