

## Abide Part 5: The Holy Spirit is a Teacher (10-7-2018)

**New Series:** Abide - Living in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit

**3 Parts:** Who is the Holy Spirit, Cultivating our relationship with Him, and then how He flows through us.

**Review:** The Holy Spirit is a Connector, Helper, & Comforter (Examples: Dove, Wind, Fire, Oil, Water, Wine)

**Today:** The Holy Spirit is a Teacher (Examples: River)

**Introduction:** Story of my high school math teacher

### The Holy Spirit is our Teacher - 1 Corinthians chapter 2

#### 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 (ESV)

(1) And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. (2) For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. (3) And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, (4) and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, (5) so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

**Notes:** Faith does not rest in the wisdom of man, but in the power of God!

- We live in a day where we start with the wisdom of man, and test to see if God & His Word fit into what we have learned from the wisdom of men.

#### 1 Corinthians 2:6 (ESV)

Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away.

**Notes:** Following God isn't about being ignorant – there is wisdom (true & lasting) for those who are **mature (complete)**.

#### 1 Corinthians 2:7 (ESV)

But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.

**Notes:** Paul - we impart a secret & hidden wisdom from God (like a treasure hidden away). You have to dig!

**1 Corinthians 2:8 (ESV)**

None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

**Notes:** The rulers of the age, had no real wisdom, they killed the Lord of glory!

- The Roman Empire – height of human knowledge (science, arts, business, culture, etc.)
- The Chief Priest & Jewish Leaders – height of religion
- Herod & Pilate – height of political power

**1 Corinthians 2:9-10 (ESV)**

(9) 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"— (10) these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

**Notes:** This is the primary point today!

- We can't even imagine what God has prepared for us, because He loves us! (do we love Him?)
- This is what the Spirit does – He reveals, He searches, the very depths of God!
- Knowledge of God is the ultimate knowledge, from which flows forth everything else!

**1 Corinthians 2:11-12 (ESV)**

(11) For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. (12) 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.

**Notes:** The Holy Spirit alone knows & reveals the real depth of God. He enables us to comprehend Him.

**1 Corinthians 2:13-14 (ESV)**

(13) And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. (14) 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.

**Notes:** We must learn as spiritual beings, not natural (this is being born again by the Spirit!)

**1 Corinthians 2:15-16 (ESV)**

(15) The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. (16) "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

**Notes:** All of this is possible, because we have been given a gift, the mind of Christ, which the Spirit reveals!

**So, how can we understand and apply this today?** A Warning & An Invitation to dive in!

**A Warning . . .** 2 Timothy 3 – the whole chapter worth reading, here are some key verses.

### **2 Timothy 3:1-2, 4-5 (ESV)**

(1) But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. (2) For people will be lovers of self . . . (4) . . . lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, (5) having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power.

**Notes:** Become lovers of God rather than lovers of self. Don't settle for appearances, but allow His power & presence to work in you!

### **2 Timothy 3:14-17 (ESV)**

(14) But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it (15) and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. (16) All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, (17) that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

**Notes:** Let the Spirit (which breathed out the Word of God), teach you God's Word. Remember we have the mind of Christ, it is the spirit that reveals the mind!

### **An Invitation . . . Ezekiel 47 paints the picture of a River**

- Water begins to bubble up from the Temple and flow out of the city like a River
- They measure the depth of this River: ankle-deep, knee deep, waist-deep, over your head – had to swim!
- River Brings Life every where it goes:
  - Salt water turned fresh
  - Tons of living Fish to be caught
  - Trees on the banks of the river – continuously alive with fruit for food & leaves for healing

**This same vision is seen by John at the end of the Book of Revelation!**

**Conclusion:** Micah & water (the Beach & the Cove) – going out farther, kayaking at the cove, etc.

Let's allow the Holy Spirit to teach us, so we can be a conduit of His life flowing in us and through us. Let's participate in the seeing the Kingdom of God come to earth now & forever!