



Break the ice

Write down what God is saying to you in today's message:

TOPIC: 1 Corinthians – week 5



Let's hear your story

1. Tell of a time when you had to explain to a friend or family member the importance for believers to be filled and empowered by Holy Spirit?
2. What does v.10b tell us about the Holy Spirit? (**For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.**)
3. What does v.11b tell us about the Holy Spirit? (**No one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.**)
4. What do we receive as believers according to v.12? (**The Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.**)



Let's go deeper

5. What does v.13b tell us? (**Not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.**)
6. What does v.14 tell us? (**The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him...**)
7. What does v.15 tell us? (**The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one.**)
8. What do we have as believers according to v.16? (**For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.**)



Let's apply this

- 9. 1 Corinthians 2:9 – 10;** 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.
- How has the Holy Spirit empowered and changed your life?
 - Do you believe the Holy Spirit can and wants to use you?
 - Ask Jesus to fill and baptize you with Holy Spirit in accordance with His promise in Matthew 3:11?

SUMMARY:

1 Cor.: Week 5 – God's wisdom revealed by the Spirit **Read:** 1 Cor. 2:1 – 16

vv.1 – 4; Paul's reliance on God's wisdom. Paul did not come as a philosopher or a salesman; he came as a witness declaring the testimony of God. Paul was certainly a man who could reason and debate persuasively, but he didn't use that approach in preaching the gospel. He made a conscious decision (I decide) to put the emphasis on Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Paul was an ambassador of Jesus Christ.

vv.5 – 11; God's wisdom is known only by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit searches all things, the deep things of God. Only the Holy Spirit can tell us about God and His wisdom. The Holy Spirit is eternal God (Hebrews 9:14); He is omnipresent (Psalm 139:7); omniscient – all knowing (1 Cor. 2:10); and He is omnipotent (Luke 1:35).

v.12; The Holy Spirit dwells in believers. The moment you believe in Jesus Christ, the Spirit of God dwells in you and your body becomes His temple (1 Cor. 6:19–20). He baptized you into the body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:13). He sealed you (Eph. 1:13–14) and will remain with you (John 14:16). Holy Spirit is God's gift to you.

v.13; The Holy Spirit teaches us. In John 14:16 – 17, Jesus teaches about the Holy Spirit and He says that the Holy Spirit is our Helper (Parakletos), the word Parakletos also means Comforter, Counsellor, Advocate and Helper. A definition for Parakletos is "called to the side of" for the purpose of helping.

vv.14 – 16; The Holy Spirit matures a believer. Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit (Matthew 1:18) and had the Holy Spirit in Him all His life, but He still needed to be filled or baptised with the Holy Spirit in order to fulfil all that His Father had sent Him to do. This happened when He was baptised with the Holy Spirit in water at the Jordan river (Luke 3:21 – 22). The disciples received the Holy Spirit when Jesus breathed on them (John 20:22), but they were told to wait until they had received the baptism with the Holy Spirit before they began their ministry (Acts 1:4 – 5; Acts 2:2 – 4).

If the **Lord** needed to be filled (Luke 4:1, 4), and the **apostles** needed to be filled (Acts 2:2 – 4), and **Paul** needed to be filled (Acts 9:17), then we also need to be filled with the Holy Spirit. We are not just to be filled once and leave it at that. We need to be continually filled. The first disciples were filled at least twice (Acts 2:1 – 4 and Acts 4:31). Do not get drunk with wine but be filled with the Spirit (Eph.5:18).

How to receive the baptism of Holy Spirit

You must be born again

Ask Jesus to baptize you according to Matthew 3:11.

Believe Jesus's promise in Matthew 3:11

Know you are worthy to receive the baptism of Holy Spirit