

Christian Students Association Bible Study

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Using Our Spirit to Know the Bible in a Living Way

When we come to the Bible, we need to turn ourselves from the mind to the spirit by praying in our spirit

- **Eph. 6:17** And receive the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which [Spirit] is the word of God, **18** By means of all prayer and petition, praying at every time in spirit and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints
- **Col. 4:2** Persevere in prayer, watching in it with thanksgiving,
- **John 6:57** As the living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me.
- **John 6:63** It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.
- **Jer. 15:16** Your words were found and I ate them, / And Your word became to me / The gladness and joy of my heart, / For I am called by Your name, / O Jehovah, God of hosts.

The Bible is the breath of God for us to breathe in that we may receive the life supply from God; the Bible is God's exhaling; when we read any verse by means of all prayer; this pray-reading becomes our inhaling of God's breath

- **2 Tim. 3:16** All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

We should inhale the Scriptures by receiving the word of God, by means of all prayer

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The word of God is living and operative; we need to receive the living and operative word of God with a praying spirit so that we can build up our new man so that we may be able to discern our spirit from our soul

- **Heb. 4:12** For the word of God is living and operative and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit and of joints and marrow, and able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

The enemy's strategy is always to mix our spirit up with our soul; our greatest problem is our mixture; the more we know God by being filled with His light, His presence, the more we will treasure purity over power

- **Matt. 5:8** Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- **Psa. 119:105** Your word is a lamp to my feet / And a light to my path.

The way to purge such mixture is through the revelation of the Holy Spirit; the dividing of the soul and the spirit occurs when God's word illuminates us, shining within us to reveal the thoughts and intentions of our heart

- **Psa. 36:9** For with You is the fountain of life; / In Your light we see light.
- **Eph. 1:17** That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the full knowledge of Him,

Note for "All" for 2 Timothy 3:16: "Every Scripture God-breathed is also profitable. To confront the death, corruption, and confusion in the church's decline, the eternal life, on which ch. 1 is based (1:1, 10), the divine truth, emphasized in ch. 2 (2:15, 18, 25), and the Holy Scripture, highly regarded in ch. 3 (3:14-17), are all needed. The eternal life not only swallows up death but also renders the life supply; the divine truth replaces the vanity of corruption with the reality of all the divine riches; and the Holy Scripture not only dispels the confusion but also furnishes divine light and revelation. Hence, in this book the apostle stressed these three things."

Note for "God-breathed" in 2 Timothy 3:16: "This indicates that the Scripture, the word of God, is the breathing out of God. God's speaking is God's breathing out. Hence, His word is spirit (John 6:63), or breath. Thus, the Scripture is the embodiment of God as the Spirit. The Spirit is therefore the very essence, the substance, of the Scripture, just as phosphorus is the essential substance in matches. We must strike the Spirit of the Scripture with our spirit to catch the divine fire. As the embodiment of God the Spirit, the Scripture (God's word) is also the embodiment of Christ. Christ is God's living Word (Rev. 19:13), and the Scripture is God's written word (Matt. 4:4)."