

The Holy Spirit – Week 9

1. Generally illumination is the work of the Spirit in the life of the believer to:
 - (1) Believe the Bible
 - (2) Understand the Bible
2. Illumination is different from inspiration. With respect to Scripture:
Inspiration produces and Illumination aids in understanding
3. Illumination is Necessary Because:
 - (1) We are polluted by sin and cannot understand God's revelation on our own
 - (A) Our natural depravity (John 3:19-20)
 - (B) Our corrupt affections (2 Peter 3:16; 1 Tim. 6:5; 2 Tim. 3:8)
 - (C) The work of the enemy (2 Cor. 4:4; Acts 26:18)
 - (2) We need the Spirit's assistance in
 - (A) Communicating spiritual light
 - (B) Freeing our mind from corrupt influences
 - (C) Implanting spiritual habits and principles
4. An Old Testament passage that shows illumination is Psalm 119:18
In it, the object considered is:
 - (1) The "law" – that is, all of Scripture
 - (2) The "wonderful things" – high, hidden things we cannot understand
5. Two New Testament passages that show illumination are:
Luke 24:45 Ephesians 1:17-19
6. Means that the Spirit uses are: spiritual, disciplinarian, and ecclesiastical