



REVEALED BY THE SPIRIT

SCRIPTURAL LESSON: *I Corinthians 2:9-16*

GOSPEL TRUTH:

Seeking God daily in prayer is the key to understanding the mysteries of God. He alone possesses an overview of our lives and can direct us toward the blessings and victories. As we put our trust in Him, grace will flow in our direction (*Isaiah 55:6-13*).

GOLDEN SCRIPTURE:

But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God (I Corinthians 2:10).

THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH DOCTRINES:

1. Without a vision, the people perish. In order to move forward with God, we need to see the big picture of what He has planned (*Proverbs 29:18*).
2. As believers, we walk by faith and not by sight. Listening to God's Word opens our eyes to the path of victory (*II Corinthians 5:7*).
3. We are to be lights in this world of darkness (sin), shining so that many might see Jesus, the Light of the world (*Isaiah 42:6-7; Matthew 5:14-16*).
4. Quench not the Spirit (*I Thessalonians 5:19*). A constant flow of the Holy Spirit is needed to maintain our 20/20 spiritual vision.

BACKGROUND SETTING:

The Apostle Paul, who once persecuted the believers in Jerusalem, had no idea what Jesus had in store for him (*Acts 9:1-18*). On the road to Damascus, he experienced a blinding light. His

ears were then opened to receive the words of Jesus through the Holy Spirit. After three days of prayer, his sight returned. Filled with the Holy Spirit and later baptized in Jesus' name, Paul began to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom of God (*John 3:5; Acts 2:38, 4:12*). Many early day believers of the Church experienced the revelation of God's plan for them through the Holy Spirit. This set the stage for the Gospel to be spread all across the world.

LESSON SUMMARY:

Jesus desires to show us His plan for each of us. *Proverbs 3:6* tell us, "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." To do this, we must first see what He sees and hears. This can only be done through the Holy Spirit. As the Apostle Paul's mission was unveiled through the Holy Spirit day by day, so too Jesus reveals our plan of action. For the believer who loves the Lord this should be exciting! As we journey where Jesus leads, we will experience His power in and around us just as the Apostle Paul did. More importantly, we are then able to share Jesus' vision with others. This makes the work of the Lord all the more worthwhile and brings with it eternal rewards in Heaven.

Waiting patiently is also key to seeing the glory of God revealed. Elisha, the prophet, faithfully followed his mentor Elijah (*I Kings 19:19-21*). Though not yet empowered with the Spirit of God, Elisha stayed true to his calling and helped Elijah do miraculous works. What was his reward? He not only saw Elijah caught up to Heaven in a fiery chariot, but was rewarded with a double portion of the Holy Spirit (*II Kings 2:1-10*). Elisha was able to see and do even more for God as well. (*II Kings 6:8-23*). When faced with an overwhelming Syrian army set against Israel, Elisha asked God to touch his servant's eyes. Elisha's servant then saw God's army of angels standing with them ready to do battle. More of the Holy Spirit also enables us to do more for God and glorify Him. Why not see what God can do for you? Stay true to God and His calling and He will show you wonders just like Elisha saw. One day if we remain faithful, we will see the greatest appearing.

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