

## **A Revelation and inspiration. 1 Peter 1:10-11.**

- ❖ Revelation is the knowledge that the Holy Spirit imparts about things that we can't understand by ourselves.
- ❖ Inspiration is how the Holy Spirit tells the truth through human beings.

## **B The Holy Spirit and the origin of the Word:**

### ❖ **Revealer. 1 Corinthians 2:10.**

- How could we know God's will if the Holy Spirit hadn't revealed it through His Word?
- The truths in the Bible are direct revelation from God. They are not human ideas or interpretations but God's.

### ❖ **Inspirer. 2 Peter 1:21.**

- God guided the Bible authors to explain His thoughts in a reliable and trustworthy way with their own inspired words.
- The writing process was different for each person and each moment.
  - (a) Sometimes they received exact words preceded by "Thus says the Lord," (Isaiah 37:6).
  - (b) Sometimes they saw visions or dreams that they described with their own words (Ezekiel 1:4).
  - (c) Sometimes they investigated and researched to explain the facts and the teachings properly (Luke 1:6).

### ❖ **Truthful. Psalm 119:160.**

- Some people doubt the Bible is true because they didn't understand the context or didn't accept the miraculous facts in it.
- God cannot lie (Hebrews 6:18). Therefore, everything He has said through His Word is TRUTH.
- We cannot judge the Bible; our thoughts must be judged by it.

## **C The Holy Spirit and the Word today.**

### ❖ **Our teacher. John 16:13.**

- We cannot understand the truths in the Bible by our own reasoning, because spiritual truths must be understood spiritually (1 Corinthians 2:13). That's why the Holy Spirit helps us to:
  - (a) Understand the doctrinal truths in the Bible.
  - (b) Understand the truth about us.
- When we decide to respond to the leading of the Holy Spirit and humbly accept the divine instruction in the Bible, our lives are changed by God's grace, and our minds are protected against the deceptions of the devil.

### ❖ **No contradiction. John 5:46-47.**

- Can the Holy Spirit guide us to a truth about Jesus (or any other doctrine) that contradicts the Biblical message (John 16:13-14)?
- The Holy Spirit cannot contradict the Word of God. If someone says he's being driven by the Holy Spirit but he teaches doctrines that contradict the Bible, then he's not telling the truth.