# GOD'S WORD

# INSPIRATION AND ILLUMINATION, AND THEIR OPERATION TODAY

Hearing the Holy Spirit

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T IS ESSENTIAL to recognize the difference between **Inspiration** and **ILLUMINATION**. **Inspiration**, meaning, "breathe into," by God's breath/Spirit, was the revelation of new truth by the Holy Spirit, as was involved in the writing of Scripture until @ 2000 years ago. **ILLUMINATION**, on the other hand, meaning, "enlighten," is the action of the Holy Spirit by which He makes clear the understanding of (only) the **BORN AGAIN**<sup>1</sup> Christian, to enable him to comprehend what was written in the Bible in its present, complete form. **INSPIRATION** ended when the New Testament was completed; **ILLUMINATION** is a work of the Holy Spirit, today, and only in the **BORN AGAIN** the child of God.

15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The method by which God makes the person a Child of God/Christian: John 3:3-18; I Peter 1:3, 23

#### Matthew 13:15-16 The BIBLE

- 6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:
- 7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:
- 8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory.
- 9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.
- 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.
- 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.
- 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit Which Is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.
- 13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with Spiritual.
- 14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are Spiritually discerned.
- 15 But he that is Spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.
- 16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ.

#### I Corinthians 2:6-16 The BIBLE

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