

# THE HOLY SPIRIT



## **PART 7 - HEARING THE WORD OF GOD FOR FORMATION**

In Holy Spirit part 7 we will unpack what it is to hear the Word of God for the formation of His life in us.

Yes, that's right. The Word of God is to build or form the Life of Christ Himself in us, and part of this formational work occurring in us, is interwoven with us being able to hear the Word of God which the Spirit speaks directly to us or through man himself.

***Galatians 4:19 My children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is formed in you***

***1 Thessalonians 2:13 For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.***

Hearing His spiritual Word for formation is very different from hearing His voice for function or instructions. Both are important but they are different realities with different purposes.

We know when we have received the Word of God through the Spirit for formation, because the Word of God performs a WORK in us.

The work is a work of life, a work of power, a work of transformation. The Word births Christ's literal life in us. It's not something we do, but it's something that gets done in us. We can testify of this life because where there was no life, life now exists.

Let me give us two other verses which confirm this perfecting work in us.

***Philippians 1:5-6 in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now. For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.***

***Philippians 2:13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.***

We can see from 1 Thessalonians 2:13 that there are some conditions stipulated in relation to the Word of God performing its work in us.

***Firstly:*** It must be the Word of God being released and not man's version of it.

***Secondly:*** This spiritual Word must be received in our spirit

***Thirdly:*** This spiritual Word must be heard by our spirit

***Fourthly:*** This spiritual Word must be accepted as the Word of God

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**Fifthly:** This spiritual Word must be believed in the spirit, and to believe in the spirit, means to receive a living conviction of what is being released, and not just mentally or verbally agree with it.

Is it any wonder that Jesus said **“Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches”**, which we have looked at in the previous resources. Hear the spiritual Word for formation which is being released.

So what is the Word of God which we need to hear for the formation of Christ's Life within us?

The Word of God is Jesus Christ Himself.

**Revelation 19:13** *He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.*

**John 1:1** *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

The Word of God is also the divine impartation of Himself through a spoken dimension.

Both of these aspects come via a revelation of the Spirit, either given from the Holy Spirit Himself or a person abiding in the spirit, as per 1 Thessalonians 2:13.

The Word of God is not the bible as so often believed, but is the source of life which births life.

**Hebrews 11:3** *By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.*

It is in the hearing and understanding of this Word, which builds us up and bears fruit of a hundredfold, some sixty and some thirty.

**Matthew 13:23** *And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.”*

The key to hearing this kind of Word, the Word of Christ for formation, is determined by our abiding life in the Spirit. We must know what it is to be a true worshipper, who worships in spirit and truth. Only the Holy Spirit can show you and teach you what this is. It's the Spirit's role to teach us and to bring us into this position. This is our “How to”.

Let me just stress this again so we don't miss the “How too's”.

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If we don't know the reality of the spiritual abiding life, where we partake of the Bread of life, eating and drinking real food and real drink, Christ Himself, we will not know of this formational life in Christ in us.

***John 6:53 So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves."***

## QUESTIONS

1. What is your experience of hearing the Word of God for the formation of Christ's Life in you?
2. Why is it so important we hear and understand this kind of Word?
3. What are our thoughts in relation to the five conditions stipulated in 1 Thessalonians 2:13 when it comes to hearing this kind of Word and it performing a work in us?
4. What fellowship or oneness do you have with this kind of Word?

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