



The Person & the Work of the

Holy Spirit

*9. The Role of the Holy Spirit
in the Church - 6*

The background of the slide is a close-up, high-contrast image of flames. The colors range from deep reds and oranges to bright yellows and whites, with dark, charred wood visible at the bottom. The flames are dynamic and appear to be rising and swirling.

▶ **The Holy Spirit empowers believers to walk in the supernatural presence & power of the Holy Spirit**

The Holy Spirit as the Advocate for Christ, the Head of the Church, is both IN & WITH believers to empower us to walk in the manifestations of the power and authority He has given to us in order that we might co-labour with Him to accomplish His will on earth & to see the Church built that Jesus said He would build.

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Ephesians 4:16 (Amplified Bible)



1. And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God.
2. For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.
3. I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling,
4. and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,
5. so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

6. Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature; a wisdom, however, not of this age nor of the rulers of this age, who are passing away;
7. but we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God predestined before the ages to our glory;
8. the wisdom which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it they would not have crucified the Lord of glory;

1 Corinthians 2:6-8

9. but just as it is written, "Things which the eye has not seen, and the ear has not heard, and which have not entered the heart of man, all that God has prepared for those who love Him.
10. For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.
11. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.

1 Corinthians 2:9-11

12. Now **we have received**, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God,
13. which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.
14. But a natural man does not accept **the things of the Spirit of God**, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.

1 Corinthians 2:12-14

15. But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one.
16. For who has known the mind of the Lord, that he will instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ.
 1. And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to infants in Christ.
 2. I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able to receive it. Indeed, even now you are not yet able,
 3. for you are still fleshly.

1 Corinthians 2:15- 3:3

1. However brethren, I could not talk to you as to spiritual [men], but as to nonspiritual [**men of the flesh, in whom the carnal nature predominates**], as to **mere infants** [in the new life] in Christ [unable to talk yet!]
2. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not yet strong enough [to be ready for it]; but even yet you are not strong enough [to be ready for it],
3. For you are still [**unspiritual, having the nature**] of the **flesh** [under the control of ordinary impulses].

1 Corinthians 3:1-3 (Amplified Bible)

As for myself, I also, brethren, was not able to speak to you **as I would to those dominated by the Holy Spirit**, but as I would to those dominated by the evil nature, as I would to those in Christ who are still immature spiritually.

1 Corinthians 3:1 (Wuest New Testament Translation)

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not born again
(psuchikos)

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FLESHLY man



Fleshly, worldly
immature in God
(sarkikos)

However brethren, I could not talk to you as to spiritual [men], but as to nonspiritual [**men of the flesh, in whom the carnal nature predominates**], as to mere infants [in the new life] in Christ [unable to talk yet!] **For you are still [unspiritual, having the nature] of the flesh [under the control of ordinary impulses].**

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As for me, brothers, I couldn't talk to you as spiritual people but as **worldly** people, as babies, so far as experience with the Messiah is concerned.

1 Corinthians 3:1 (Complete Jewish Bible)

And I, brothers and sisters, could not speak to you as Spirit-filled but as **worldly**—as infants in Messiah.

1 Corinthians 3:1 (Tree of Life Bible)

The great danger faced by the church today is not that of secular humanism but that of religious humanism, seeking to serve God and to please Him in the power of our own flesh, rather than according to His Spirit.

The truth is that we can appear to be spiritual and religious in the power of the flesh rather than in the power of the Holy Spirit, but God is not fooled.

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26. For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble;
27. but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong,
28. and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are,
29. **SO THAT no man may boast before God.**

1 Corinthians 1:26-29

3. .. for we are the true circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus **and put no confidence in the flesh,**
4. although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more:
5. circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee;
6. as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless.
7. But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

Philippians 3:3-7

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“does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.”

FLESHLY man

Their Christian lives are characterised by their own efforts rather than by the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Governed by mere human nature not by the Spirit of God.

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For we are God's [own] handiwork, recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live].

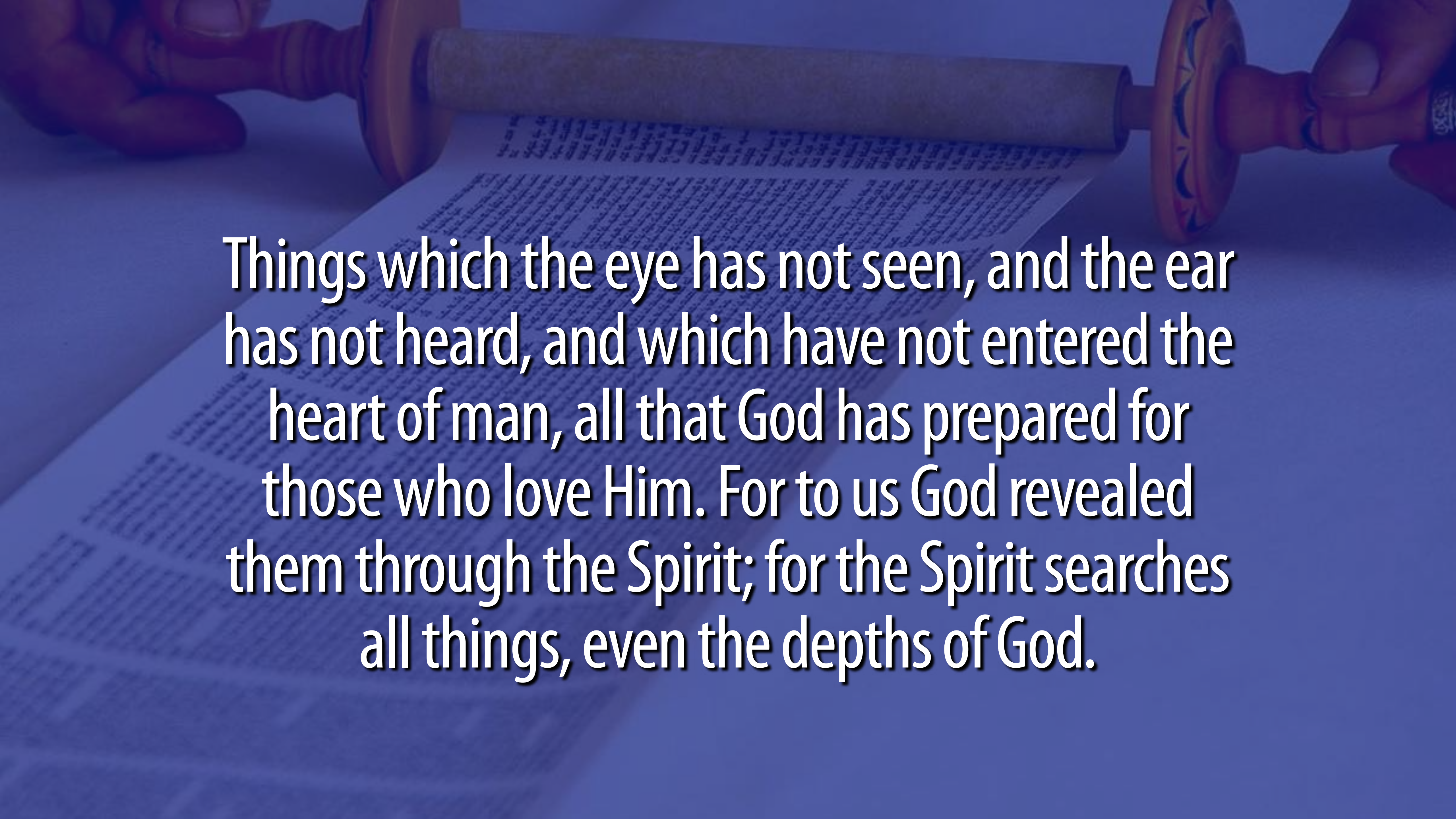
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While it is normal to be an infant in the faith initially, remaining one is a tragedy of “ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT.”

A close-up photograph of hands unrolling a scroll with text. The scroll is partially unrolled, showing several lines of text. The background is a solid blue color. Overlaid on the image is a white text box with a blue gradient background. The text is in a white, serif font with a drop shadow.

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