

## **Sanctify One's Mind**

### **A Series on Why Should I Study the Bible?**

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; (2 Tim 3:16) But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God. (2 Pet 1:20-21)

1. From the beginning of God's written record to the very last, both God and Jesus speak to its sacredness. Observe carefully Deuteronomy 4:2 and Revelation 22:18.

2. Unique to Christianity is the concept of regeneration (Ezek 36:24-28; Tit 3:5). Observe carefully 3 sets of verses: a) John 14:23, b) John 17:20-21 / 1 John 2:23-24, and c) Romans 8:9 / 1 Corinthians 3:16. Who abides in who? Discuss the supernatural implications of this (this may help: 1 Pet 1:15-16; John 8:31-36).

3. As the author of the Bible, the Holy Spirit plays a particularly intimate role. Observe carefully John 14:16-17, 26 and share your observations. The apostle Paul shares something similar (1 Cor 2:12-13; Eph 3:4-5). What is one function of the Holy Spirit and how is that accomplished?

4. How do we practically cooperate with the Holy Spirit (Matt 4:4; John 17:17; Col 3:16)?

5. How do we practically cooperate with the Holy Spirit (Rom 12:1-2; Col 1:9-10; 3:9-11; Philip 1:9; 2 Cor 10:5; Eph 4:20-24)? Use a white board to share your observations.

6. How do we practically cooperate with the Holy Spirit (Philip 2:12-13; 2 Cor 7:1)? How do you use the word of God in your life?

Food for thought: Do you wait for the Holy Spirit to talk to you in lieu of reading the words He superintended through human authors? Does the Bible tell you to do that? If you hear a voice telling you to do something, how do you discern if it's from God?