**CHRISTCOMPANIONBIBLECHURCH**

**Weekly Bible Study**

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 **GETTING THE BEST FROM YOUR BIBLE (PART 1) STUDY 17**

**TEXT:** 1Corinthians:2:9-16

**MEMORY VERSE:  *Joshua 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.***

 The Bible is not an occult book. Its message is not hidden, and no special ritual is needed to be able to access, understand and apply its teachings profitably. This is because God who gave the Bible had provided the guide, the counselor and interpreter, in the person of the Holy Spirit to unfold, teach and help every true seeker and follower of God.

 **DIVINE HELP TO PROFIT FROM YOUR BIBLE. JOHN 14:13-15.**

 ***The Bible is the bread of heaven! The Bible is the food for the spirit-man, to furnish the soul with spiritual nourishment. The Holy Spirit is in the world today, working assiduously to ensure that everyone gets to know the truth, even when you are without Christ! Ephesians 2:12-14. What are the roles of the Holy Spirit to help you understand and profit in the word of God?***

**1. The Holy Spirit Creates a nudge within you for spiritual food: He draws your heart to have thoughts and consideration for your spiritual needs from the scripture. Psalm 84:1-2.**This thirst and hunger for the word of God is one of the signs of gracious, active and healthy spiritual life.

**2. He works through providential provisions to help your spiritual understanding of the scripture. Acts 8:27-38.** Such provisions include: Church services, Bible study classes, Sunday school, retreats etc.

**3. Scriptural illumination by the Holy Spirit in your private Bible reading and study. Daniel 9:2-3.** Apart from mental reading and understanding of the Bible, the Holy Spirit interprets and applies the Bible to meet your immediate, current and future directives.

**4. The Holy Spirit gives specific leading to certain scriptural passages, for personal and corporate edification and revival, as it happened in the days of Josiah. 2 King 22:10-13. Nehemiah 8:8.** Whenever the Holy Spirit wants to kindle revival fire, He uses specific scriptures to ignite the move.For example, Romans 1:17 (KJV), was used to break the yoke of darkness in the days of Martin Luther from Papacy's spiritual oppression! Revival fire was sparked by the discovery of this Scriptural text: "For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith". Thus, his heart was set ablaze to cry against paying penance to the Priesthood for sin in order to secure forgiveness! His proclamation was: "The just shall live by faith" ...and that salvation comes by personal faith. Thus, the erroneous doctrinal yoke was broken to pave way for many spiritual awakening that follows!

**5. The Challenge today:**

***i. You cannot do without the filling and enlightenment of the Holy Spirit if you maximally want to benefit from the scripture. The wealth of the word of God is not found on the surface! Deep mysteries of God are brought to light by the Spirit of God.***

***1: Corinthians 2:12-16.***

***ii. A word of caution!***

You need to subject every revelational knowledge to scriptural text. God does not contradict His word. The scripture is the acid test for all Christian beliefs and practices. To stay clear of error and deceit, you must grow and acquire sound knowledge of the Bible under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 4:14-15. May God open your eyes of understanding, as you study the undiluted word of God. Amen.

**HYMN: CLOSE TO THEE**

1. Thou, my everlasting portion,

More than friend or life to me;

All along my pilgrim journey,

Saviour, let me walk withThee.

 *Close to Thee, (4 times)*

 *All along my pilgrim journey*

 *Saviour, let me walk with Thee.*

2. Not for ease or worldly pleasure,

Not for fame my prayer shall be;

Gladly will I toil and suffer,

Only let me walk with Thee.

 *Close to Thee, (4 times)*

 *Gladly will I toil and suffer,*

 *Only let me walk with Thee.*

3. Lead me through the vale of shadows,

Bear me o’er life’s fitful sea;

Then the gate of life eternal

May I enter, Lord, with Thee.

 *Close to Thee, (4 times)*

 *Then the gate of life eternal*

*May I enter; Lord, with Thee.*