

**The Word of God & the Holy Spirit**  
**Eph 6:17**  
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Thesis: I want to show that the work of the Holy Spirit is accomplished today through the word of God.

- Intro:
1. God provides an armour (**Eph 6:11**)
  2. A part of that armour is a sword.
    - a. Two main functions of a sword in warfare:
      1. Defensive
      2. Offensive.
    - b. The “sword” of the Spirit is God’s Word.
  3. The “sword of the Spirit” is the sword provided by the Spirit.

I. The Holy Spirit & the Old Testament

- A. *88 references to the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament.*
- B. He is the One by whom the Old Testament was given (**2 Pt 1:20-21**).
  1. Theme of 2 Peter: Knowledge. (Used 16 times in 3 chapters)
  2. Christianity is not dealing with fables (**2 Pt 1:16-19**)
  3. Christ confirmed prophecy and prophecy, therefore, proves that Christ is genuine (**2 Pt 1:19**)
  4. Prophecy did not come by the will of man (**2 Pt 1:21**)
  5. Prophecy: men speaking from God, therefore, forthtelling the word of God (**v.21**)
  6. The result: Old Testament scripture is the Word of God.

II. The Holy Spirit & the New Testament

- A. *There are some 200 references to the Holy Spirit in the New Testament.*
- B. He is the one by whom the New Testament was given (1 Cor 2:9-14)
  1. The need for revelation (**1 Cor 2:9**)
  2. Revelation is by the Spirit (**1 Cor 2:10**)
  3. Revelation is in words (**1 Cor 2:13**)
- C. The Holy Spirit has revealed the truth about the church (**Eph 3:1-7**)
  1. Revelation is in words.
  2. Words can be understood.

III. What the Word does the Spirit does.

- A. The Spirit is the one who produces a new birth through the Word of God (**1 Pt 1:22-23**).
- B. The Spirit sanctifies people by the word of truth (**2 Thess 2:13-14; Jn 17:17**).
- C. The Spirit leads people to become God’s children (**Rom 8:14-17**).
  1. **How?** (Rom 1:16-17, 6:17-18)

Application & Conclusion:

1. We must remember the Holy Spirit accomplishes His work through the word of God.
2. The Word of God is living and continues to lead the tender hearted to obedience and forgiveness of sins.
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9