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NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Meeting TBD Our Next Gospel Meeting

Weekly Bible Studies Thursday at 1 on Zoom Friday at 1 on Zoom **Times of Service** Sunday Bible study: 945 AM Worship: 10:45 AM; 6 PM Wednesday Bible study: 7:30 PM (Immediately followed by a short worship service) **First Friday of Month** Singing February 3, 7:30 **Address and Contact** University Heights Church of Christ 445 Columbia Ave., Lexington, **KY 40508** (859) 255-6257 www.uheightschurch.com

THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

What does the Holy Spirit do? Scripture speaks of the Spirit's activity in terms of giving knowledge and power. We will attempt to understand what the Scripture means by these things over the next few articles. In this article we will be focusing upon the Holy Spirit's work of providing us knowledge.

I believe the most important gift the Holy Spirit has given to the people of God, and the world generally, is the Bible itself. When we think about the writers of Scripture certain names come to mind. The writing of Moses, David, and Solomon has been preserved in the Bible. The letters of John, Peter, Paul, and Luke make up much of the New Testament. Yet these men were not writing a product of their own devising or making it up as they went along. Ultimately, the Holy Spirit is the author of scripture.

David speaks directly to this in 2 Samuel 23:2. "*The Spirit* of the Lord speaks by me; his word is on my tongue." Jesus, further emphasizing this point in a conversation found in Mark 12:35-37, said in verse 36, David himself, in the Holy Spirit, declared, "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet." Peter makes the same point in Acts 1:16.

Paul says the Holy Spirit spoke though Isaiah in Acts 28:25-27. Peter makes this point about the Holy Spirit writing through the prophets in 2 Peter 1:20-21. Recall Jesus' promise to his apostles about the Holy Spirit working through them in John 16:12-14. The Holy Spirit inspired the

Members Needing Our Prayers

John Thompson, Mary Weatherholt, Joyce Bolton, Julie Patton, Rick Small, Benny Poynter, Richard and Janet Brundige, Rhonda Boyd, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson

Others Needing Prayer

Charlie Hoy, Marc Nations, Janice Parsons, Veronica Bowman, Charles Bishop, Allison Walker, Mark Nickles, Dwayne Harrod, William Roberts, Paul and Marrian Lyda, Dana and her children, Shane (a relative of Cindi), Ron Harmon, Patty Hill

To Our Guests

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Visit us on Facebook, YouTube, or our website to watch or listen to sermons. writers of Scripture to produce scripture. They did not come up with the idea on their own. We will talk more about the *process* of inspiration in the next article.

As we conclude this article, let's take a moment to consider the difference between revelation and inspiration. While the Spirit inspired Paul to write the things he did, Paul did not need his own thoughts or the things he had experienced firsthand revealed to him. The Creation account, on the other hand, required revelation for no writer of scripture had been there to witness it. Messianic prophecies also required revelation for there was no way for the inspired writers to know about the future and the fulfilment of the things they were writing in a man named Jesus. The personal thoughts of people the writer had never met or communicated with, things said behind closed doors, or other details the writer had no way of knowing all came to them through revelation by the Holy Spirit. Everything in scripture is inspired but not everything is revealed. AL

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