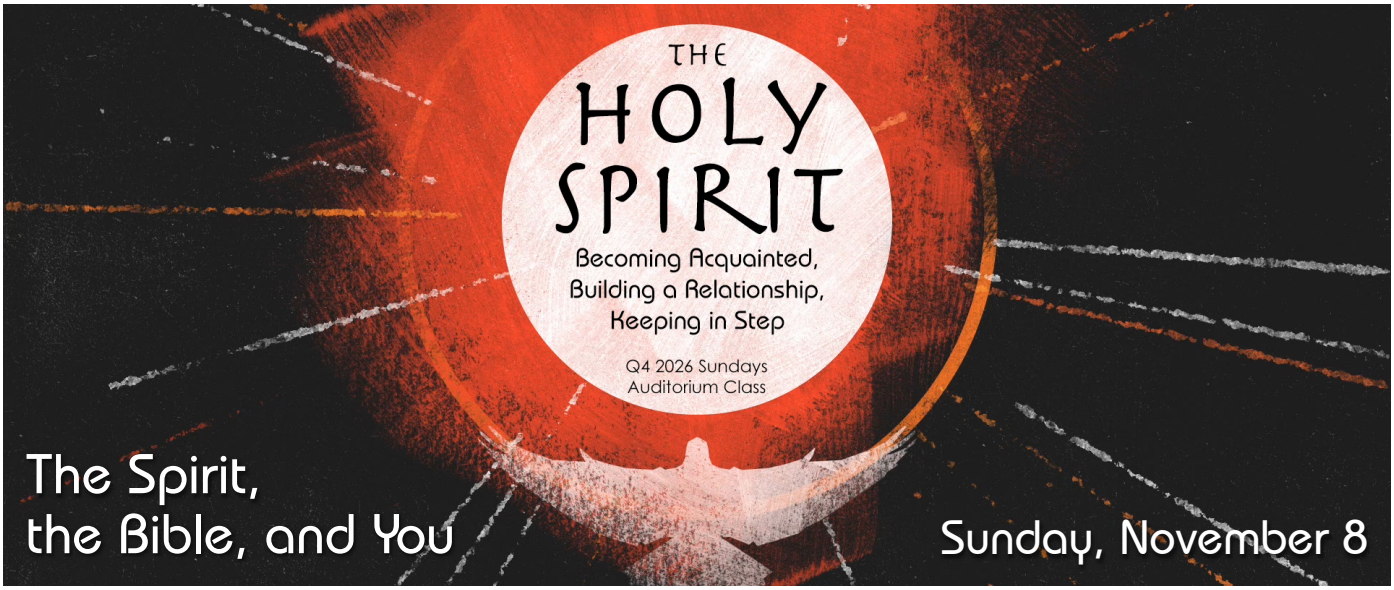


The Bible is an incredible example of "unity in diversity." What do you think? Where can we see incredible diversity when it comes to the makeup and various elements of the Bible?

And yet, in its incredible diversity, one great story—the greatest story of all—is told. How did that happen?

Two key terms

- Revelation: to uncover or unveil something (Eph 3:8-10; Rev 1:1-2)
- Inspiration: to breathe out or blow into (2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Pet 1:16-21)

  Notice how very deliberate Paul is in identifying the real source of his letters (1 Cor 2:6-16; Eph 3:1-5). What impression should those statements make on us? How should they shape the way we regard and treat the Bible? What have we already heard about the work of the Spirit?

The Holy Spirit's work in revelation and inspiration

- During the "patriarchal" age
  - Enoch, the seventh from Adam (Jude 14-15)
  - Joseph, in whom was the Spirit of God (Gen 41:15-16, 38)

  What are we being told in these passages? Why or how were Enoch and Joseph able to do what they did?

- In the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms
  - Aaron (Exo 7:1)
  - Miriam (Exo 15:20)
  - Skilled craftsmen (Exo 35:30-35)
  - Elders of Israel (Num 11:16-17)
  - Balaam (Num 22:38; 24:13)
  - Joshua (Num 27:18)
  - Judges (Judg 3:9-10; 4:4)
  - Samuel (1 Sam 3:20)
  - David (2 Sam 23:1-4)
  - Solomon (1 Kings 4:29-32)
  - Isaiah (1 Pet 1:10-12)
  - Jeremiah (Heb 10:15-17)
  - Ezekiel (Ezek 2:1-2)
  - Amos (Amos 7:14-15)
  - Zechariah (Zech 7:12)
  - **Summary** (Heb 1:1)

  How would you summarize what we are being told in these passages?

- In the early days of the church
  - The apostles (Acts 2:14-18; John 16:13)
  - Early Christians (Acts 4:31)
  - Stephen (Acts 7:55)
  - Paul (Acts 13:9)
  - Philip's daughters (Acts 21:8-9)
  - Agabus (Acts 21:10-11)
  - John (1 John 1:1-4)
  - Jude (Jude 3)

  How would you summarize what we are being told in these passages?

Taking into account everything we've seen from these diverse sources and passages, how would you describe what the Spirit has done to make a relationship with God possible? Remember what we read from 1 Corinthians 2:6-16. How has the Spirit worked to bridge the gap between the infinite wisdom of God and the finite minds of human beings?