

God Is Organized & Has a System: Only the Spirit-Filled Believer Can Understand the Bible, Keep Its Commandments, & Love Christ, 1 Cor 2:11-14, John 14:15

9. The imperative of being filled and taught by the Holy Spirit is clearly revealed in this exegeted translation and commentary of:

1 Corinthians 2:11 - For what man understands the things of man [human rationales] except man's spirit within him [the human mind]? Even so, the things of God no man has known except the Holy Spirit.

v. 12 - But we have not received the world's spirit but the human spirit [regeneration] from the source of God in order that we might have a permanent knowledge of things that have been graciously given to us by God.

v. 13 - Which things we teach, not by teaching from the source of man's wisdom [human systems of perception, i.e., empiricism and rationalism], but [ἀλλά, *alla*: conjunction of contrast between human system of perception and the divine system] by teaching from the source of the Holy Spirit [Who converts human IQ into spiritual IQ which enables the believer to comprehend divine thought], combining [συγκρίνω, *sunkrinō*: to discern by comparing doctrine stored with doctrine freshly learned and combining this with a spiritual system] spiritual truths [accusative neuter plural of πνευματικός, *pneumatikos*: spiritual phenomena] to a spiritual systems [dative neuter plural of πνευματικός, *pneumatikos*: spiritual systems].

1 Corinthians 2:14 - The soulish man [ψυχικός άνθρωπος, *psuchikos anthropos*: the unspiritual man; the unbeliever] habitually does not accept [customary present of δέχομαι, *dechomai*: habitual inability to receive] things from the Holy Spirit for to him they are foolishness [μωρία, *mōria*: absurd], furthermore, he is habitually not able [negative particle οὐ, *ou* plus the customary present of δύναμαι, *dunamai*: habitual inability] to even acquire academic understanding [γινώσκω, *ginōskō*: academic understanding in the *nous*; no ability to comprehend and no power to transfer over to the *kardia*] because they are spiritually discerned [πνευματικῶς ἀνακρίνω, *pneumatikōs anakrinō*: comprehension of divine thought under the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit].

10. This passage is the primary source for the development of the doctrine of a grace apparatus for perception. If the word apparatus is disconcerting then it is fine to replace it with the word "system."
11. This system is in complete dependency upon the filling, teaching, and empowering ministries of the Holy Spirit.
12. These ministries are made available to the believer by means of (1) salvation by grace through faith, and, subsequently, (2) confession alone to God alone.
13. The Lord Himself prophesied to His apostles that such assistance would be necessary for them to acquire the remainder of His message to the world in:

John 14:15 - “If you love Me [Ἐὰν ἀγαπᾶτε με, *Ean agapate me*: *Ean* plus the subjunctive of *agapate*: 3CC, the contingency of reciprocal love], you will keep [imperative of τηρέω, *tēreō*: to guard, preserve, obey] My commandments [ἐντολή, *entolē*: His imperatives].”

- 1) This is both a challenge and a command. Of the Greek moods, the imperative is the farthest removed from reality since its command is contingent upon the subject's positive response.
- 2) Here the Lord states that reciprocal love for Him, if it exists, is expressed by the believer's willing subordination to His mandates so that they are guarded, preserved, and obeyed.
- 3) It is impossible to guard, preserve, and obey what you do not know. The only way to know is to study the Word. The only way to learn from this study is under the teaching and empowering ministries of the Holy Spirit. The only environment in which these ministries are functional is status quo spirituality. The only way to acquire this status is confession of one's personal sins to God.
- 4) Once the Lord's commandments are known they are to be “kept.” This requires not only recall of the principles that are pertinent to a given situation but willing subordination to them all the way from perception to execution.
- 5) Accomplishing these objectives requires the believer to utilize the grace system of perception that has been made available to him. 1 Corinthians 2 clearly presents this system.