

## The Deep Things of God

### 1 Corinthians 2:6-11 MEV

<sup>6</sup> Yet we speak wisdom among those who are mature, although not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. <sup>7</sup> But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the ages for our glory.

<sup>8</sup> None of the rulers of this age knew it. For had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup> But as it is written, “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor has it entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”

<sup>10</sup> But God has revealed them to us by His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. <sup>11</sup> For what man knows the things of a man, except the spirit of man which is in him? Likewise, no one knows the things of God, except the Spirit of God.

### Introduction:

A little boy goes to his father and asks him, “Daddy why is the sky blue?” Before the father can respond, the little boy says, “Never mind, I’ll just google it.”

Let me share a few facts from the book, “You Lost Me” by David Kinnamen;

- The typical American consumes 34 gigabytes of data per day, an increase of 350 percent over 30 years ago
- Young Christians, like other teens and young adults, perceive and interpret reality through screens.
- Teachers and pastors can be fact-checked in real time.
- Smartphones have apps for locating Thai food, checking the weather, watching movies, sending and receiving money, listening to music, shopping, blogging, tweeting, and even find people to hook up with within a five-mile radius of your location.
- Personal news isn’t real until it has been shared on Facebook or twitter.
- Young people expect to participate as well as consume.
- Everyone is an expert because of the internet.

- It is important to broadcast yourself to the world, to express yourself, to cultivate followers.
- Many young people do not have a network of older adults to help them succeed.
- Young adults are among the least likely to name the Bible as sacred Scripture.
- “I found it on the internet” is a common claim for information reliability.
- Young people are interested in spirituality, but only on their own terms.
- The Gen Z generation is very lonely, and depressed.

**We are living in an information age where people have more information available to them than ever before. However, information does not always mean wisdom.**

I heard about this a couple of weeks ago and read about it recently. A 16-year-old boy committed suicide while taking advice from ChatGPT. In reading the conversation between the young boy and AI, it appeared the boy was having issues with family, friends and relationships. When he told the bot he was considering suicide, ChatGPT encouraged him to do so, and provided instructions.

Did you know that the number one best seller of all time is The Holy Bible. Yet, its influence over people is dropping.

I have some good news and some bad news this morning, for those families who hold the Bible as the inspired Word of God, their children have the highest rates of faith in the nation, but if we examine the nation and this generation as a whole then we see young people are skeptical about the reliability of the original biblical manuscripts. This generation tends to read the Bible through the lens of pluralism and their changing media behaviors.

Let me show you how the devil operates. In this post-modern age we live in, there is serious debate about the role of Christianity in politics, sexuality, science, media, technology, and so on to the point where the debate is being reframed to simply leave faith out of the picture, that way making people of faith irrelevant to the conversation. For this many, the only thing worse than being wrong is being irrelevant.

I am asked, “So, what is the answer? I always reply, “Be filled with the Spirit of God.”

**“Be filled with the Spirit of God.”**

To be filled with the Spirit of God should be our very heart’s desire. Everything that makes us what we are should be wrapped up in this statement “To be filled with the Spirit of God!”

**Genesis 1:1-2 MEV**

**<sup>1</sup> In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> The earth was formless and void, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the water.**

The Spirit that was there at the creation of space and time, hovering over the face of the water reporting back to God what the conditions were is the same Spirit that has been poured out to those who are willing to say yes to Him.

**Genesis 2:7 MEV**

**7 Then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living being.**

God breathed into the nostrils of a clump of clay and that day mankind was born with an eternal soul. That Spirit is alive today and desiring to fill us with His wonderful presence!

**Exodus 14:21-23 MEV**

**<sup>21</sup> Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, so that the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup> The children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry ground, and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.**

**<sup>23</sup> Then the Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh’s horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.**

The Lord has spoken, “Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today.” The same Spirit that blew across the sea and made a way for God’s people is still available today to see God’s people delivered. Do you need deliverance today? Shout out and ask God to fill you with His Spirit.

#### **Ezekiel 37:1-14 MEV**

<sup>1</sup> The hand of the LORD was upon me, and He carried me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones, <sup>2</sup> and He caused me to pass among them all around. And *there were* very many in the open valley. And *they were* very dry. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, You know.”

<sup>4</sup> Again He said to me, “Prophesy over these bones and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you so that you live. <sup>6</sup> And I will lay sinews upon you and will grow back flesh upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you so that you live. Then you shall know that I am the LORD.”

<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a noise and a shaking. And the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup> When I looked, the sinews and the flesh grew upon them, and the skin covered them. But there was no breath in them.

<sup>9</sup> Then He said to me,

“Prophesy to the wind; prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain so that they live.”

<sup>10</sup> So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.

<sup>11</sup> Then He said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost. We are cut off completely.’ <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Pay attention, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves and bring you into the land of Israel.

**<sup>13</sup> Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up out of your graves. <sup>14</sup> And I shall put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I shall place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I the LORD have spoken and performed it, says the LORD.”**

There are many scenes that I would love to go back in time and see. This is one of those times. Can you imagine with me a valley full of dry bones? Can you see Ezekiel standing overlooking that valley of dry bones? He cries out, “O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!” Right before his eyes the bones began to shake, jump, and move together.

Now stay with me for a moment, can you hear it, that rattle that resonates across the valley. It must have been something to hear and to see. The bones came together, muscle, tendons, sinew, and skin until there before him stood a great army, yet they were still dead. The Lord command Ezekiel Prophecy over this army and this is what Ezekiel said, “Thus says the Lord God: ‘Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.’” The Spirit of God breathed on that army that day and they lived.

My friends if we are going to make a difference in this post-modern generation then we need the very breath of God to come and give us the power to see lives complete transformed by the hand of God. Listen to me young people and those that might be listening to this sermon over media.

Facebook and twitter cannot give you what you need today. Do you desire relevance? Than cry out to the living God that you will be filled with His Holy Spirit! You will find all you need to be fulfilled and complete.

The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead is the same Spirit that we need to fill us up and mature us. The same Spirit that fell on a group of seeming insignificant people in an upper room over two thousand years ago to empower them to share the greatest message that has been proclaimed; “Jesus Saves!” Is the same Spirit that has been given to His church to continue to see that great message shouted across this town and beyond!

To be filled with the Spirit of God is the beginning of understanding the deep things of God. If we are going to speak to this generation and beyond then the church of the Most High God needs to understand and know what it believes in.

So, with the time I have left, let me give you my personal declaration of belief.

***“I am a Bible-believing, Christ-centered, Spirit-driven man and I desire all the fullness of Christ. I believe that the breath of God’s Spirit will fill me, empowering me to move forward into His destiny. And I believe God can and will do the same for you.”***

The first point of my declaration is I believe in the Bible; God’s Word!

### **Bible-Believing**

**“The Scriptures are Inspired by God and declare His design and plan for mankind.”**

My friends, the Bible is the sacred Word of God. It is complete and accurate for us today. God’s Word is foundational to everything I believe, preach and practice.

I believe that God’s Word is verbally inspired and is the revelation of God to me, the infallible, authoritative rule of faith and conduct.

We can only know God as He has chosen to reveal Himself to us. His Word reveals the truth about His nature and character to us. Praying to the Father, Jesus said, “Your word is truth.”

Though heaven and earth will pass a way, God’s Word will live forever-the unchanging instrument of the Holy Spirit and our infallible guide for living. It is the seed of the world harvest, bread for the spiritual hungry, and the light that proclaims God’s grace and deliverance to a world that is lost in spiritual darkness.

Second, I desire to be:

### **Spirit-Led**

**I believe the key dynamic to my life is the Holy Spirit; and I desire His fellowship, leadership, anointing, and manifestation.**

The Holy Spirit imparts spiritual gifts and abilities to God's messengers'. And the same Holy Spirit who inspired God's written Word reveals to the minds of hearers the truth and activates faith in the hearts and minds of those who respond to the message.

In this post-modern age where biblical principles have been made irrelevant and the modern church age believes the alternative to this age is to compromise the Scriptures; it must be preached in all the power of the Holy Spirit.

For I tell you this morning, I have seen the transforming power of the Holy Spirit change hearts and minds. I believe in a power that penetrates and transcends any barrier to set captives free! Jesus saves!

I love the Apostle Paul's statement and I have used it as my own;

**“My message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.”**

As a church we should total rely on the Holy Spirit to give life to the message we preach and cause growth from the seed of the gospel. The Spirit convicts of sin, brings assurance of sins forgiven, and imparts peace that passes understanding and guides into all truth. We depend on the Holy Spirit to empower our message to produce the results God has promised.

Third, I desire everything I do to be;

### **Christ-Centered**

**I BELIEVE...In the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. As God's son, Jesus was both human and divine.**

The focus and the message of the church is Jesus-God the Son who became man to show us the character of our Heavenly Father and redeem lost humanity. He is the Savior of the whole world. After a sinless life, He conquered death, hell and the grave so that whosoever believes on Him can have peace with God and everlasting life. He is preparing a place for us and has promised to come again so we can be with Him for eternity.

**He is The Way, The Truth and The Life**

**He is the Son of God**

**He is the Redeemer of mankind**

**He is the One who offers us life.**

**He is the One who came to reconcile us to God.**

**He is the One who offers us eternal life.**

**He is our Light in this present darkness.**

There is no other Name under heaven by which we must be saved.

**Conclusion:**

**I will serve you because I love you**

**You have given life to me**

**I was nothing until you found me**

**You have given life to me**

**Heartaches broken people**

**ruined lives are why you died on Calvary**

**Your touch is what I long for**

**You have given life to me**

Jesus stepped out of eternity and into time to save me. I once was lost and bound by my sins until I called out to Jesus my Savior and Lord and He came and rescued me.  
Do you need Him today? Don't leave here the same as you came in. But let the Lord of the Universe come into our hearts!