

SET APART

Set Apart but Not Alone // 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

THE POINT

The Holy Spirit helps us to live holy lives.

Though we live in a world that appears infinitely more advanced, the issues we face are largely the same as those of the first century. In the first century, the world was drowning in knowledge but lacking in godly wisdom. Thankfully, God's children have access to the source of wisdom through the Word of God and the Holy Spirit. He teaches us the right ways to live as He opens our eyes to the truth found in Scripture.

› Key Question

What does it mean to be born by the Spirit? How does this compare with physical birth?

Becoming a Christian is not just about changing the ways we act. God desires to transform our hearts, which leads to new ways of living. In His conversation with Nicodemus, Jesus told him that we must be born again to be part of God's family (John 3:3). To become children of our parents, we must be born. In the same way, to be a child of God, we must be "born of the Spirit" (v. 6). We receive our physical DNA from our parents, but when we are born by the Spirit, we receive the spiritual DNA of our Father. We receive a new nature and are made like Him in ways we weren't before.

› Keep in Mind

It can be tempting for followers of Jesus to think that we have all the wisdom and knowledge while worldly people are altogether foolish. However, this is not the case. God has shared a number of His characteristics with all of humanity, and even non-believers are capable of good. The world refuses the truth of Jesus, and the message of the gospel is foolishness to them. However, all humanity made in God's image is worthy of dignity and honor. Let's make sure to treat all people, including non-believers, with humility and grace.

› Application

How does the Holy Spirit help us understand the truth of God?

› The Win

The human brain is amazing, and while the brain is part of the physical body, people are more than purely physical. We aren't made only of matter, but have immaterial parts, including the emotional, intellectual, moral, and spiritual. The brain can process real-world data, but only the spiritual mind is able to comprehend spiritual truths. To understand it fully, our minds must be opened by the Holy Spirit. Without the Spirit's help, we will misunderstand and believe lies that lead to destruction. However, with the help of the Spirit of God, we are able to understand God's will.

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