

## Kings Norton Baptist Church

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024 10 am

⇒ “The Spirit revealing, is seeing and speaking”

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Hymn CH 318 Spirit of faith come down.

Prayer

Scripture Acts 2:1-22 (page 1092)

Many Christians belong to a Pentecostal denomination, but there’s a sense in which all Christians are ‘Pentecostals’. We take our identity from the giving of the Spirit on that first day of Pentecost as much as we do from the crucifixion and resurrection.

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Children’s talk ShuTing

Chorus MP 691 This is the day the spirit came

Notices Members meeting, Friday evening invitations

Q verse from John 1 - I am Andrew Video.

Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah", and he brought him to Jesus. John 1:40-42

Prayer and Lord’s prayer

Readings I Corinthians 2:6-16 (page 1145)

Hymn MP 67 Breathe on me Breathe of God

Sermon “The Spirit revealing, is seeing and speaking”

Hymn MP 59 Blessed Assurance

Closing Prayer:

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Fanny Crosby lived from 1820 to 1915; she was one of the great hymn writers of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Tragically she lost her sight at the age of six months, and spent the vast majority of her 95 years without sight. She became a prolific writer, with more than 8,000 of her poems set to music; many of her songs refer to sight;

“Perfect submission, perfect delight

“Watching and waiting, looking above

“But purer and higher, and greater will be

“And I shall see Him face to face

Visions of rapture, now burst on my sight”

Filled with His goodness, lost in his love.”

Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.”

And tell the story, saved by grace”

When her mother expressed her sadness that her daughter had never been able to see, Fanny replied, “Mother, if I had a choice, I would still choose to remain blind, for when I die, the first face I will ever see will be the face of Jesus my Saviour.”

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## Prayer and Exordium

■ The single biggest mass of gold ever found was discovered in October 1872, in the Star of Hope mine in Hill End, New South Wales, Australia and named after Bernhardt Holtermann, the mine manager.

Yet a Christian has discovered something far better. Everyone in this room has received much from God. All we have - apart from our sin – is from the kind hand of God our maker.

Yet Christians have received something special, something extra, something wonderful, the Spirit of God Himself. Others have material blessings, health and strength, skills and abilities, - but Christians have God himself. x2

⇒ This is something no man can do. This is something he Lord has done.

We continue with our look at Paul’s letter to the church at Corinth. Here in Chapter 2 Paul is going to great lengths to remind Christians of their wonderfully privileged position, of God’s great grace in saving them out of this world, and freely giving them, and us, the gift of eternal life. Wow!

This spiritual life with God stands in stark contrast to the dark ways of this world and our own carnal nature. Sadly here in Corinth the Christians did not see this, the blessing of fellowship had been blighted by division Ch. 1, and their Joy in the Lord stolen away through worldly mindedness Ch.3.

Are you one who has been saved - but still think in a worldly way? And therefore do you still react – not in a godly way - but in a carnal way?

Here in the middle Paul reminds the Church “Don’t forget God’s grace to you and the means of that grace, you are a privileged people.”

Isaiah said “**You have forgotten God your Saviour; you have not remembered the Rock, your fortress. Therefore, though you set out the finest plants and plant imported vines, ... yet the harvest will be as nothing in the day of disease and incurable pain.**” Isa 17:10-11

As it happens the section we have come to in Ch. 2 fits well with Pentecost Sunday and the gift of the Spirit of God to those gathered on that day.

**The Spirit of God brings to me - and me to - the presence of God.** On mount Sinai the law of God was written by the finger of God on tablets of stone. It is now written on our hearts by his Spirit, the *finger of God*. The law was written on hearts of stone, now he promises to make our hard hearts – hearts of flesh!

Paul is emphasizing to Christians two main works of the Holy Spirit. **That is the Spirit reveals - and the Spirit empowers.** x2. The Holy Spirit of God

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opens the eyes - and the Holy Spirit opens the lips. He enables that person to speak of what he has seen. Christians, we have something to say!

So first the spirit reveals.....

### Seeing

**"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him" - but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit.**

■ The James Webb space telescope is the world's most powerful telescope. It is more powerful, and at a cost of \$10 billion it is more costly than anything that has gone before. It is so sensitive it has been sending back to earth images from a star a supposed 29 billion light years away.

Yet, for all its power it cannot see into heaven. The world for all its cleverness cannot see God. But a Christian can. It has been revealed to us.

In His love God has all along had our glorification and future in heaven in mind; hence Christ is described as the **Lord of glory**. No man can perceive or imagine the Glory of God and His gospel means of rescue. Yet amazingly the divine plan of Christ's work has been revealed to us Christians.

⇒ This opening of the eyes, this being able to understand, is the gracious work of the Spirit.

The Apostle John in and by the Spirit saw a door standing open in heaven and one seated on a throne, he was given a sight into heaven itself.

Isaiah by the same Spirit we are told gazed into heaven and **saw Jesus' glory and spoke about him**. Joh 12:41 He was able to see what no man could see. Why because it was revealed to him – by the Spirit of God.

**The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.** How is that possible? because He is God. For **no-one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God**.

'God alone can speak truth about God' (Pascal).

Paul is using very logical arguments here. 11 **For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him?** Quite.

Only you truly know about you. **Even if you are married for decades only you know your thoughts, your spouse may be able to have a good guess - but they don't know, only you know. And that is just as well!**

So **no-one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God**. Here is a key aspects of the Trinity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Jesus who said: **I have come down from heaven**. John 6:38 says: **I tell you the truth, - we - that is He and the Spirit - speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen**. John 3:11. Yes he does know for Jesus later says **"I am telling you what I have seen in the Father's presence."** Joh 8:38.

A unitarian God can and will do none of these things. The gods of the religions of the world are distant, remote, unloving, impersonal. How different from the true God.

The truth and life of God would remain with him - and not brought to us if His Spirit did not bring it to me and you personally. But it is not automatic.

How about you? For Jesus said **"no-one knows who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."** Lu 10:22 Has he revealed the father to you? Can you say "my father in Heaven" and know it?

### Think about your life for just a moment

We are body and soul, or body and Spirit and each one of us has a spirit which is you. And that 'you' will continue on once it leaves the body either to everlasting conscious death and punishment with a new body designed for that - or live forever with God and with a new body designed for that. There is a resurrection both for the righteous and the wicked, for those in Christ and those not. For those humbled and forgiven, and for those who die in their sins. They will, as Jesus said, go to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life Matt 25:46

Everyone of us born into this world is given our spirit at conception, and yet since the fall it is a dead spirit clothed in iniquity and cut off from God the source of life. Only in Christ is our dead spirit made alive.

That is why Jesus left the glories of heaven to rescue many from our lostness, and our deadness.

⇒ If I can paraphrase Jonathan Edwards who says: **Christ has from before the foundation of the world always intended to be the refuge of those that are afraid of God's wrath. He would never undertake a work for which he is not sufficient. Those who are in trouble, distress and fear, if they come to Jesus Christ, can be assured that Christ has promised he will both save and protect all those afflicted and distressed souls that come to him.**

This he did through his immense suffering on the cross, carrying my death and punishment - that I too may now share in his resurrection life. A Christian is someone **made alive in Christ**.

⇒ This new birth is the means by which Christ's brings His life to me.

The living Spirit of God in me enlivens my spirit. Christians have **received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."** We now have another Spirit within us along side our spirit. **The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.** Ro 8:15-16

⇒ That is our confidence and assurance - the Spirit who is from God confirms these things to me, my spirit. Amen!

That is not how it was before. Without the Spirit of God – no-one knows God. For all its glitz and glamour the world is a dark world.

■ Bible translator John Wycliffe commented that there was such a shroud of darkness prevailing over England in his day that if all the books were gathered together there would not be found one ounce of wisdom.

Without God's enlightening Spirit a man or woman's thinking is vain, futile, carnal and worldly. Just listen in to their conversation: and you can soon tell that the person does not have in mind the things of God, but the things of the world.

And yet just as at Pentecost there is a sudden change, so suddenly the life of God comes, as indicated by the tongues fire. Not one pillar of fire as in the desert - but now separated, individual, personal.

They speak in tongues, the languages of the world, and what did they say? The people **hear them declaring the wonders of God in their own tongues!** Ac 2:11 and why? Because their eyes have been opened. Through the work of the Spirit they can **see the kingdom of God** – for they've **entered the kingdom of God** Joh 3:3,5 Possible only, Jesus said, through the work of the Spirit.

As a Christian 12 **We have not received the spirit of the world. No but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.** The spirit opens blind eyes, - someone with the Spirit of God sees and understands something we could never see before. Now the guessing is over, the uncertainty is over, the confusion is over.

⇒ I'm still amazed at this great discovery. The invisible God is there!

So it was with Lydia whose eyes of the heart were opened. So it was with the wicked Balaam whom we are told in this third oracle **did not resort to sorcery as at other times, ...but.. the Spirit of God came upon him** "The oracle of Balaam son of Beor, the oracle of one whose eye sees clearly, the oracle of one who hears the words of God, who sees a vision from the

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**Almighty, who falls prostrate, and whose eyes are opened: "How beautiful are your tents, O Jacob, your dwelling-places, O Israel! Like valleys they spread out, like gardens beside a river, like aloes planted by the LORD, like cedars beside the waters.** He saw the beauty of the Lord and His people. He again goes on to describe himself as **one whose eye sees clearly, who has knowledge from the Most High, who sees a vision from the Almighty, who falls prostrate, and whose eyes are opened.** Nu 24:1-4,15.

Have you had that sudden realization? Have your eyes of faith (eye) been opened? When that happens something happens here (tongue)

Those who are saved are those who have not only **believed in their heart that God raised Jesus from the dead** - but also **confess with their mouth, x2 that Jesus is Lord,**" Ro 10:9

### Speaking

⇒ Faith is not a private matter. We must speak of what we know, know little say little, know much say much!

■ Ever had someone say to you "Let me show you my holiday snaps" Why do people say that? They are filled with enthusiasm, they have just returned from a great holiday and are excited. They want to share it with you!

■ As with Andrew we say "I have found the messiah" let me show you, And that means speak. This is God's means, and you are called to be his voice. The Lord is the word, and if He is in you then you are the mouthpiece We can see something others cannot see. And when we see it, we speak of it. A Christian is someone has something to say. A Christian speaks.

The context of this passage of revelation is speaking. Go back to the beginning of the Ch 2:1 we read **proclaimed to you the testimony about God.** 4 **My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power,**

6 **We do, however, speak a message of wisdom**

7 **we speak of God's secret wisdom,** Time had a beginning, but the gospel is timeless wisdom, you are looking through time, beyond time, a spiritual telescope into the eternal council of God. Paul's purpose from the outset was to make Christ known and that is every Christian's calling. Are you?

⇒ To speak, x3 - the Spirit gives both power to see, - and power to speak

■ That was the first thing Andrew did – he told his brother. I am a Christian because someone spoke to me, so too for many here. So

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must we, over coffee, over the garden fence, at the Cotteridge bus stops. - Wherever you are, in another country, in prison, wherever.

Are you thinking “I want to, but I don’t know how to say it?” Paul gives us confidence 13 **This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.** [ Or it could mean 'combining spiritual words with spiritual truths' or 'interpreting spiritual truths by means of spiritual words'. ]

Paul is saying the words we say are borne out of what we know. **expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.** And this is possible because the Spirit within a believer teaches us what to say: **words taught by the Spirit,**

⇒ **So the words, not merely the ideas, are provided by the Spirit.**

Jesus said this would be particularly evident as the Lord places us before those he wishes to witness to **do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.** Mr 13:11

Paul the great fighter against Christ and the followers of the Way, when he received the Spirit, was turned around dramatically and how did this show? It’s remarkable, we read “**At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God.**” Ac 9:20 He was speaking for the Lord, he was trying to persuade people towards the Lord.

**A new convert can’t be kept quiet, it is wonderful to see, his new found discovery bubbles out and can’t be restrained. That should continue.**

To see – and to speak – both of these two elements are essential to what it is to be a Christian. Without this that person, religious as they might be, are not a Christian in way the Bible describes a Christian to be.

Let us speak of Him, the Lord we love, speak words of wisdom, words of grace, the Lord will help you, He will never call you to do something he does not give you the power to do. 8 **But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."**

⇒ **God calls some, like Paul, to plant churches. But it is equally apparent that the work or witness was carried out by ‘ordinary’ believers, who spread the news wherever they went. The same gracious God, the same exalted Christ, the same powerful Spirit, and the same amazing plan means we too play a part in the continual unfolding of this story – witnessing to the one**

**who can bring me peace with God, and the placing of the whole of life under the lordship of Christ.** (Antony Billington LICC May 2013) Alt.

So we speak of what we know – and we pray, and we pray confidently knowing just as the Lord opened my eyes – so he can open the eyes of any another.

If the Lord doesn’t do it then nothing will happen for 14 **The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.**

That is why we must pray, that is why we must come together and pray

16 **"For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?"**

Yes the natural man is ignorant of the mind of God. But for us what is otherwise impossible has now come to pass, **we have the mind of Christ."**

■ **Remember those cardboard periscopes you can buy to see ahead. In Christ we can see, as it were, through a periscope into heaven, see things through His eyes.**

The Holy Spirit enables the Christian to see things as Christ sees them.

Finale

**How, if we have the presence of God, can we not now live differently?**

Sadly many of the Christians at Corinth who have seen his Glory, had Jesus’ Glory revealed to them, lived like spiritual paupers. They were kings but lived like paupers.

Paul could not address them as spiritual men, those who had matured - but as young in the faith. Unhappily they had failed to grow and are only ready for milk; i.e. elementary teaching not meat. Heb. 5:1

Though Christians, the Corinthians remained still of the flesh, i.e., they were dominated by their lower nature (Rom. 13:14; Gal. 5:16-24), and so in practice were little better than ordinary men who know nothing of the Spirit. Paul calls them in 3:3 (taking up again the party cries of 1:12) **merely men.**

What a way to treat the riches of heaven. How dishonouring to the Lord of Glory who has died that we can share his Glory.

**Let the world keep its gold** we have something better by far. We can say with Isaiah who by the same Spirit **saw Jesus’ glory and spoke about him.** Joh 12:41

■ **Speak of Fanny Crosby’s good sight.**

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迄今為止發現的最大單塊黃金於1872年10

月在澳大利亞新南威爾士州希爾恩德的希望之星礦中發現，並以礦場經理伯恩哈特·霍爾特曼(Bernhardt Holtermann)的名字命名。

然而，基督徒卻發現了更好的東西。在座的**每個人都從神那裡得到了很多。我們所擁有的一切**——除了我們的罪——都來自造物主上帝的仁慈之手。

然而基督徒已經領受了一些特別的、額外的、奇妙的東西，那就是神自己的靈。其他人擁有物質祝福、健康和力量、技能和能力，但基督徒擁有上帝本身。 x2

□ 這是主所做的事，是任何人都做不到的。

我們繼續看保羅寫給哥林多教會的信。在第二章中，保羅竭盡全力提醒基督徒他們享有奇妙的特權地位，上帝的偉大恩典將他們從這個世界中拯救出來，並白白地賜給他們和我們永生的禮物。哇！

這種與上帝同在的精神生活與這個世界的黑暗方式和我們自己的肉體本性形成了鮮明的對比。可悲的是，哥林多的基督徒沒有看到這一點，團契的祝福已經被分裂所破壞。第 1

章，他們在主裡的喜樂因世俗的思想而被偷走，第 3 章。

你是一個已經得救但仍以世俗的方式思考的人嗎？因此，你是否仍做出反應——不是以敬虔的方式——而是以屬肉體的方式？

在中間，保羅提醒教會“不要忘記神給你們的恩典以及這恩典的途徑，你們是一群享有特權的人。”

以賽亞說：「你們忘記了上帝你們的救主；你不記得磐石，你的堡壘。因此，儘管你種植了最好的植物，種植了進口的葡萄藤，……但在疾病和無法治癒的痛苦的日子裡，收成將毫無意義。賽 17:10-11

碰巧我們已經到了第 1 章的部分。 2

與五旬節星期日非常吻合，也適合當天聚集的人們的聖靈恩賜。

神的靈將我帶到了神的面前。在西乃山上，上帝的律法是由上帝的手指寫在石版上的。現在，它已被祂的靈、神的手指寫在我們的心上。

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律法是寫在鐵石心腸上的，現在祂應許要讓我們的鐵石心腸變成肉心！

保羅向基督徒強調聖靈的兩項主要工作。這就是聖靈的啟示—聖靈的力量。

x2. 神的聖靈打開眼睛—聖靈打開嘴唇。他使那個人能夠說出他所看到的。基督徒們，我們有話要說！

所以首先精神揭示…

看見

「神為愛祂的人所預備的，是眼睛未曾見過，耳朵未曾聽過，人心未曾想到的」—但神已經透過祂的靈向我們揭示了這一點。

詹姆斯韋伯太空望遠鏡是世界上最強大的望遠鏡。它更強大，而且耗資 100

億美元，比以前的任何產品都要昂貴。它是如此敏感，以至於它一直將來自一顆距離我們 290 億光年的恆星的圖像發送回地球。

然而，儘管它擁有如此強大的力量，卻無法看到天堂。世人雖然聰明，卻看不見上帝。但基督徒可以。它已經向我們透露了。

神本著祂的愛，一直想著我們在天上的榮耀和未來。因此基督被描述為榮耀的主。沒有人能夠感知或想像神的榮耀和祂福音的拯救手段。

然而令人驚訝的是，基督工作的神聖計劃已經向我們基督徒啟示了。

• 這種眼睛的睜開，這種能夠理解，是聖靈仁慈的工作。

使徒約翰在聖靈中看到天上有一扇敞開的門，一個人坐在寶座上，他得以看見天堂本身。

以賽亞透過同一位聖靈告訴我們，他凝視天堂，看到了耶穌的榮耀，並談到了他。約 12:41

他能看見人所看不見的。為什麼，因為這是上帝的靈向祂啟示的。

聖靈鑑察萬事，甚至神深奧的事也鑑察。這怎麼可能？因為他是神。因為除了神的靈之外，沒有人知道神的意念。

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「只有上帝才能說出關於上帝的真理」（帕斯卡）。

保羅在這裡使用了非常合乎邏輯的論點。 11

除了人裡面的靈，誰知道人的心思呢？相當。

只有你真正了解你。即使你們結婚幾十年了，只有你知道自己的想法，你的配偶也許能夠很好地猜測——

但他們不知道，只有你知道。這樣也好！

因此，除了神的靈之外，沒有人知道神的想法。這是三位一體的關鍵面向；聖父、聖子、聖靈。

耶穌說：我從天上降下來。約翰福音 6:38

說：我實在告訴你們，我們——就是他和聖靈——講我們所知道的，我們見證我們所看見的。約翰福音

3:11。是的，他確實知道，因為耶穌後來說：“我正在告訴你我在父面前所看到的。”約 8:38。

一位一神論的上帝不能也不會做這些事。世界上宗教的神都是遙遠的、遙遠的、沒有愛心的、沒有人情味的。與真神何其不同。

上帝的真理和生命將留在祂身邊——如果祂的靈沒有將其帶給我和你個人，就不會帶給我們。但這不是自動的。

你呢？因為耶穌說：“除了子和子選擇向其顯現的人之外，沒有人知道父是誰。”路 10:22

他將父親啟示給你們了嗎？你能說「我在天上的父親」並且知道嗎？

思考一下你的生活

我們是身體和靈魂，或是身體和精神，我們每個人都有一個精神，那就是你。一旦離開身體，「你」就會繼續存在，要麼永遠有意識地死亡並受到為此設計的新身體的懲罰，要麼永遠與上帝和為此設計的新身體一起生活。義人和惡人、在基督裡的人和不在基督裡的人都會復活。為了那些謙卑和被寬恕的人，以及那些在罪中死去的人。正如耶穌所說，他們將受永刑，但義人將得永生 馬太福音 25:46

我們每一個出生在這個世界上的人在受孕時就被賦予了我們的靈魂，但自從墮落以來，它是一個死的靈魂，披著罪孽的外衣，與生命的源頭上帝隔絕了。只有在基督裡，我們死去的靈魂才能復活。

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這就是為什麼耶穌離開天上的榮耀來拯救許多人脫離失喪和死亡。

□ 如果我可以解釋一下喬納森·愛德華茲（Jonathan Edwards）的話：基督從創世之前就一直打算成為那些害怕上帝憤怒的人的避難所。他絕不會從事他無法勝任的工作。那些處於麻煩、痛苦和恐懼之中的人，如果來到耶穌基督面前，就可以確信，基督已應許祂會拯救並保護所有來到祂面前的受苦受難的靈魂。

祂在十字架上承受了巨大的痛苦，承擔了我的死亡和懲罰，做到了這一點——現在我也能分享祂復活的生命。基督徒是在基督裡復活的人。

□ 這個重生是基督將祂的生命帶給我的方式。

神在我裡面活的靈使我的靈活躍起來。基督徒已經領受了兒子名分的靈。我們藉著祂呼求：“阿爸，父。”現在我們裡面除了我們的靈之外還有另一位靈。聖靈親自與我們的心同證我們是神的兒女。羅馬書 8:15-16

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這是我們的信心和保證——來自神的靈向我，我的靈證實這些事。阿門！

以前不是這樣的。沒有神的靈——沒有人認識神。儘管世界充滿浮華和魅力，但它卻是一個黑暗的世界。

《聖經》翻譯家約翰·威克利夫評論說，在他那個時代，英國籠罩著一層黑暗，即使把所有的書都收集在一起，也找不到一丁點智慧。

沒有上帝光照的靈，男人或女人的思想就是虛空、無用、屬肉體和世俗的。只要聽聽他們的談話：你很快就能看出，這個人考慮的不是上帝的事，而是世界的事。

然而，正如五旬節時突然發生的變化一樣，神的生命也突然降臨，正如舌頭之火所顯示的那樣。不像沙漠中那樣一根火柱——但現在是分開的、單獨的、個人的。

他們說方言，世界上的語言，他們說了什麼？人們聽到他們用自己的語言宣講上帝的奇事！徒 2:11

為什麼？因為他們的眼睛已經被打開了。透過聖靈的工作，他們可以看到神的國——因為他們已經進入了神的國。

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作為基督徒 12

我們沒有接受世界的精神。不，只有來自上帝的聖靈，使我們可以明白上帝白白賜給我們的東西。聖靈打開了瞎子的眼睛，-- 擁有神的靈的人可以看到並理解我們以前從未見過的東西。現在猜測結束了，不確定性結束了，困惑結束了。

□ 我仍然對這個偉大的發現感到驚訝。看不見的神就在那裡！

莉迪亞也是如此，她的心眼被打開了。邪惡的巴蘭也是如此，我們在第三個神諭中被告知，他沒有像其他時候那樣訴諸巫術，.....但是... ..上帝的靈降臨在他身上，他說出了他的神諭：「比珥的兒子巴蘭的神諭，一個眼睛看得清楚的人的神諭，一個聽到上帝話語的人的神諭，一個看到神話語的人的神諭全能者的異象，他俯伏在地，眼睛睜開：「雅各啊，你的帳棚多麼美麗；以色列啊，你的居所多麼美麗！它們像山谷一樣伸展，像河邊的花園，像河邊栽種的沉香。就睜開。

你是否有過這樣的突然領悟？你的信心之眼（眼睛）打開了嗎？當這種情況發生時，這裡就會發生一些事情（舌頭）

得救的人不但心裡相信神使耶穌從死裡復活，口裡承認耶穌是主」（羅馬書 10:9）

請講

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信仰不是私人的事。我們必須講我們所知道的，知道少說少，知道多說多！

曾經有人對你說過「讓我給你看我的假期照片」為什麼人們會這麼說？他們滿懷熱情，剛度過了一個愉快的假期，心情激動。他們想與您分享！

就像安德魯一樣，我們說“我找到了彌賽亞”，讓我告訴你，這意味著說話。這是神的手段，你被呼召成為祂的聲音。主是道，如果祂在你裡面，那麼你就是代言人我們一定要一起喝咖啡，越過花園

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的柵欄，在科特里奇公車站。 - 無論您身在何處，在另一個國家，在監獄中，無論您身在何處。你是否在想“我想，但我不知道怎麼說？”保羅給我們信心 13 我們所說的，不是用人的智慧所教導的言語，而是用聖靈所教導的言語，用屬靈的言語表達屬靈的真理。 [或者它可能意味著“將精神詞語與精神真理結合”或“通過精神詞語解釋精神真理”。 ]

保羅是說，我們所說的話都是出於我們所知道的。用屬靈的言語表達屬靈的真理。這是可能的，因為信徒裡面的聖靈教導我們該說什麼：聖靈教導的話語，

· 因此，言語，而不僅僅是觀念，是由聖靈提供的。

耶穌說，這一點尤其明顯，因為主將我們放在祂希望見證的人面前，讓我們不必事先擔心該說什麼。當時賜給你什麼就說什麼，因為不是你在說話，而是聖靈在說話。先生 13:11

保羅這位對抗基督和追隨道路的偉大鬥士，當他接受聖靈時，他的態度發生了戲劇性的轉變，這是如何表現出來的？值得注意的是，我們讀到「祂立刻開始在會堂裡傳講耶穌是神的兒子」。徒 9:20 他為主說話，勸人歸向主。

一個新的皈依者不能保持沉默，很高興看到他的新發現冒出來並且無法被抑制。這應該繼續下去。

看到一和說話一

這兩個要素對於成為基督徒來說都是必不可少的。如果沒有這一點，那個人，儘管他們可能很虔誠，也不是聖經所描述的基督徒。讓我們談論他，我們所愛的主，講智慧的話語，恩典的話語，主會幫助你，他永遠不會呼召你去做他不給你能力去做的事情。 8 但聖靈降臨在你們身上，你們就必得著能力；你們要在耶路撒冷、猶太全地和撒瑪利亞，直到地極，作我的見證。

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• 神呼召一些人，例如保羅，去建立教會。但同樣明顯的是，這項工作或見證是由「普通」信徒進行的，他們無論走到哪裡都會傳播消息。同樣仁慈的神，同樣被尊崇的基督，同樣大能的聖靈，同樣奇妙的計劃意味著我們也在這個故事的不斷展開中發揮著作用——為那一位作見證

我們可以看到別人看不到的東西。當我們看到它時，我們就會談論它。基督徒是有話要說的人。一位基督徒說。

這段啟示的背景是說話。回到《經》2:1

的開頭，我們讀到向你們宣告有關神的見證。 4

我的信息和講道，不是用智慧和說服力的言語，而是用聖靈能力的明證，

6 然而，我們確實傳達了智慧的訊息

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我們談論神的秘密智慧，時間有一個開始，但福音是永恆的智慧，你正在透過時間，超越時間，透過屬靈的望遠鏡觀察神永恆的議會。保羅的目的從一開始就是要讓基督為人所知，這是**每個**基督徒的呼召。你是？

• 說話， x3 - 聖靈賦予看的能力， - 和說話的能力

這是安德魯做的第一件事——

他告訴了他的兄弟。我是基督徒，因為有人對我說話，對這裡的許多人來說也是如此。所以誰能讓我與上帝和好，並將整個生命置於基督的主權之下。

所以我們談論我們所知道的——

我們祈禱，我們充滿信心地祈禱，就像主打開了我的眼睛一樣——所以他可以打開任何其他人的眼睛。

如果主不這樣做，那麼什麼也不會發生，因為14

沒有聖靈的人不接受來自神的靈的事，因為這些事對他來說是愚拙的，他不能理解它們，因為它們是靠靈來辨別的。

這就是為什麼我們必須祈禱，這就是為什麼我們必須聚集在一起祈禱

16 誰會知道主的心，可以教導他呢？

是的，屬血氣的人不了解神的心意。但對我們來說，本來不可能的事情現在已經發生了，我們有基督的心。

請記住您可以購買用於觀察前方的紙板潛望鏡。在他身上，我們可以透過潛望鏡看到天堂，透過他的眼睛看到事物。

聖靈使基督徒能像基督一樣看待事物。

結局

如果我們有神的同在，我們現在的生活豈能不不同嗎？

可悲的是，哥林多的許多基督徒雖然見過耶穌的榮耀，也曾向他們顯現過耶穌的榮耀，但他們的生活卻像屬靈的乞丐一樣。他們是國王，卻過著乞丐般的生活。

保羅不能稱他們為屬靈的人、那些已經成熟的人，而是稱他們為信仰上的年輕人。不幸的是，它們未能長大，只能吃奶了。即基礎教學不是肉。希伯來語。 5:1

儘管是基督徒，哥林多人仍然是屬肉體的，也就是說，他們受低等本性的支配（羅馬書13:14；加拉太書5:16-24），因此在實踐中，他們比對基督教一無所知的普通人好不了多少。保羅在 3:3 稱他們（再次引用 1:12 的呼聲）他們只是人。

這是多麼對待天國財富的方式。我們可以分享祂的榮耀，這對已死的榮耀之主來說是多麼的羞辱。

讓世界保留黃金吧，到目前為止我們擁有更好的東西。我們可以和以賽亞一樣說，他藉著同一位聖靈看見了耶穌的榮耀並談論他。約 12:41

說到范妮·克羅斯比的好視力。 \_\_\_\_\_ 結尾

范妮·克羅斯比 (Fanny Crosby) 出生於 1820 年至 1915 年；她是 19 世紀和 20 世紀最偉大的讚美詩作家之一。不幸的是，她在 6 個月大時就雙眼失明，並且在 95



歲的人生中大部分時間都處於失明狀態。她成為一位多產的作家，為8,000多首詩歌創作了音樂。她的許多歌曲都與視覺有關；

「完美的服從，完美的喜悅，狂喜的幻象，現在在我的眼前爆發」

「觀看和等待，仰望上方，充滿了他的善良，迷失在他的愛中。」

「但當我們看到耶穌時，我們的驚奇、我們的感動將變得更加純粹、更高、更大。」

“我將面對面見到他並講述他因恩典而得救的故事”

當母親表達女兒無法復明的悲傷時，范妮回答：「媽媽，如果我有選擇，我仍然會選擇失明，因為當我死後，我看到的第一張臉將是我救主耶穌的面容。」