

Title: Word and Spirit
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We have an imbalance with regards to the Second and Third persons of the Triune God in many churches today.

Some churches say: “We have the Spirit” and others say: “We have the Word”
This is an abomination to the Lord.

People tend to favour a person/ individual in certain situations, especially new or uncertain situations.

1. The Triune God / God in three persons

God the Father
God the Son
God the Holy Spirit

2. Scripture that refers to the trinity:

Genesis 1
Matthew 3
Luke 3
Mark 1
John 1
Matthew 28

luke 3:21-22

Now when all the people were baptized, and when **Jesus** also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened and the **Holy Spirit** descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and **a voice** came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

3. Jesus as Word van God

hebrews 1:3

“He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature.....”

john 1:14

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

Die Great commandment

matthew 22:37-40

³⁷ And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

deuteronomy 6:5

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

The Word of God is a manifestation of Jesus Christ, the Word of God.

(Manifestation – the event, action or object that clearly reveals something that is otherwise hidden or concealed)

Holy Spirit as the Spirit of God

john 4:24

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

acts 1:8

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

1 corinthians 12:7

“To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”

The working of the Holy Spirit is a manifestation of the Holy Spirit of God.

4. Word and Spirit in history

Old Testament

New Testament

Apostolic period

Church Fathers

Dark Middle Ages

The Reformation

The Revivals

Today

5. Where do you find yourself?

Do you doubt the current working of the Holy Spirit or something along those lines or do you think the Bible is boring, out dated or just too difficult to comprehend (so I would rather only read the easy passages of Scripture, because it is easier)?

God's desire is that we be filled with the His Holy Spirit

AND

God's desire is that we get to know Him through His Word, because it reveals Him to us.

We have to be lead by God's Spirit and do the works that Jesus did under the leading of the Holy Spirit in accordance with the Word of God

AND

We need to study his Word and get to know it in its fullness, comprehend and understand it through the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Read the Word!

(In order to know Jesus – Matthew 7:22-23)

Follow the leading of the Spirit

(Do not grieve Him – Ephesians 4:30)

Both the Word and the Spirit are powerful!

2 corinthians 10:4

“For the **weapons** of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.”

acts 1:8

“But you will receive power when the **Holy Spirit** has come upon you...”

God is in relationship with Himself

All three His Persons with Himself and all three His persons with us.

Working together!

The Word reveals the will of the Father and the Spirit enables us to execute the will of the Father.

john 16:13-15

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will **take what is mine** and declare it to you. All that the **Father** has **is mine**; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

6. Conclusion

ephesians 6:17

“and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”