

The Holy Spirit 'has spoken through the prophets'.

It was good to hear the Scriptures read, and read well, at the funeral of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth this last week, good to know they were being heard all around the world.

John 14, 1 Corinthians 15, and Psalm 23 sung

Passages full of Comfort and hope

But what gives them their power to comfort, makes them a source of hope, in the face of all consuming death, death from which no-one, not the powerful or weak, the rich or poor, the common and the noble, the scullery maid and the queen, you and I, can escape?

Familiarity?

The solemn and elevated tone?

The fact that so many value them?

None of those

They have power to comfort and give hope only as the Word of God, the God who is stronger than death, who has life in Himself and can give life to whom He will, the word of God, spoken by God, coming to us through the work of God the Holy Spirit in, with and through their human authors

This is what Christians have believed about the Old and New Testaments from the beginning.

And this is what the Creed affirms

*We believe in the Holy Spirit,
The Lord, and giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified,
He has spoken through the Prophets,*

In the fourth century, when the Creed was written, this was a strong statement that the Spirit was God, the third person of the Trinity.

All at that time accepted that the Scriptures were the word of God. As Tertullian, a second century believer wrote of Christian meetings,

Tertullian [c. 160-c. 225 AD] "We meet to read the books of God IN any case, with those holy words we feed our faith, we lift up our hope, we confirm our confidence; and no less we reinforce our teaching by inculcation of God's precepts." NE 147

That this was the view of the Scriptures – that they were the Word of God written - of the early church should not surprise us, for in this they were just following Jesus and the apostles

We went over this at length in the Winter Teaching Series – was it 2019?

The Scriptures, and the conviction that they must be fulfilled, was inseparable from our Lord's understanding of what He came to do, being quoted even from the cross, and they were key to His own relationship with the Father

For Him, they were the word of God – some examples

When tempted by the devil in each temptation the Lord Jesus turns to the Scriptures, to what is written, and says that they are enough to sustain us in life, to keep us in facing trial

Matthew 4:³ Then the tempter approached him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

⁴ He answered, "It is written: **Man must not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.**"

His ethical instruction was based on the Scripture being the word of God

Responding to Pharisees asking a question on divorce He says

*Matthew 19:*⁴ "Haven't you read," he replied, "that he who created them in the beginning **made them male and female,**⁵ and he also said, '**For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh**'?"

What is written in Genesis was spoken by the Creator

His defence against the charge of blasphemy was to legitimate his speech by the words of Scripture.

*John 10:*³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Isn't it written in your law, **I said, you are gods?**³⁵ If he called those to whom the word of God came 'gods'—and the Scripture cannot be broken—³⁶ do you say, 'You are blaspheming' to the one the Father set apart and sent into the world, because I said: I am the Son of God?"

This is a defence that only works if, as Jesus reminded them, the Scriptures, the word of God, could never be broken, never be reckoned in error or in need of correction, and never be set aside. So if gods is a way of speaking of some human rulers is legitimated by God, how much more is it right for the one who brings God's word, sent from the Father, to say He is the Son of God. He is appealing to them not to stumble at words but look at the reality of His ministry.

Our Lord taught that the Scriptures, for Him our Old Testament, were the Word of God and lived by them, and His apostles followed in His footsteps, establishing the Scriptures, the Old Testament and then their own writings, at the heart of the life of New Testament congregations – think of Romans and Hebrews, for example, and their constant use of the Scriptures to teach the significance of the person and work of Christ

And they taught you started on the Christian life by receiving the gospel which fulfilled the Old Testament Scriptures, the Word of God, as itself the Word of God. Paul thanked God that the Thessalonian believers received

*1 Thessalonians 2:*¹³ This is why we constantly thank God, because when you received **the word of God that you heard from us, you welcomed it not as a human message, but as it truly is, the word of God, which also works effectively in you who believe.**

Because all the fourth century writers of the Creed accepted that the Scriptures were God's Word, and because the Scriptures said in 2 Peter 1:21 they were given through the Spirit, this phrase in the Creed is there as another affirmation of the Holy Spirit as God. [Bray God has Spoken 635]

Their reasoning was this

The Scriptures are God's word

The Scriptures are spoken by the Spirit

Therefore the Spirit is God

But you can equally say

The Spirit is God

The Spirit has spoken the Scriptures,

Therefore Scripture is God's word written.

And receive this phrase as talking about the work of the Spirit in giving us the Bible, the Scriptures, and affirming the inspiration of those Scriptures, that the Scriptures are spoken to us by God and are God's word written

That the Spirit has spoken the Scriptures, spoken through the prophets is clearly taught in Scripture

In a couple of places the New Testament quotes Old Testament passages and says they are spoken by the Spirit. In Acts 4 the released apostles pray to God saying

Acts 4:²⁵ You said through the Holy Spirit, by the mouth of our father David your servant:

And quote Psalm 2

***Why do the Gentiles rage
and the peoples plot futile things?***

At the end of Acts Paul says to His Jewish visitors

Acts 28:²⁵ Disagreeing among themselves, they began to leave after Paul made one statement: "The Holy Spirit was right in saying to your ancestors through the prophet Isaiah

And quotes Isaiah 6

In Hebrews, Psalm 95:7-11 is introduced thus

Hebrews 3:⁷ Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says:

Today, if you hear his voice,

And the author later introduces Jeremiah 31:33-34 thus

Hebrews 10:¹⁵ The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. For after he says:

The Spirit has spoken the Scriptures, and A Summary of the understanding of the role of the Spirit in giving us the Scriptures is found in 2 Peter 1:20-21, the passage the writers of the Creed drew on.

Peter is speaking to believers about why they can rely on the apostolic teaching, particularly their teaching on Jesus' greatness as God's end time King, His return and the judgement HE will bring.

He has spoken of his own experience of hearing God's testimony to the Lord Jesus as His glorious Son on the Mount of Transfiguration

2 Peter 1:¹⁹ We also have the prophetic word strongly confirmed, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ Above all, you know this: No prophecy of Scripture comes from the prophet's own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by the will of man; instead, men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

And then in verse 19 he points to the prophetic word, the written word of the Scriptures v. 20, and its teaching that has been confirmed in the ministry of Jesus as a source of truth and guidance until the Lord returns.

Why can they rely on it?

Because of its origin. The prophets' interpretation of the dreams and visions given them by God did not have its origin in them v. 20, but in God

v. 21 *men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.*

The Scriptures are human words – men spoke

But they do not have their origin in men

The prophets speak from God, God's words

And this is the case because *they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.*

That phrase doesn't give us details about how the prophets' experienced inspiration.

But it assures us that whatever their experience the Spirit carried them to the Spirit's destination, so that whatever they wrote was what the Spirit intended them to write

By the work of the Spirit the written words of the Scriptures are God's word

And what was said of the Old Testament Scriptures is also true of the New Testament,

In Revelation the letters to the seven churches are expressly said to be what the Spirit says to the churches [2:7,11, 17, 29, 3:6, 13, 22]

Revelation 2:⁷ "Let anyone who has ears to hear listen to what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

3:²² "Let anyone who has ears to hear listen to what the Spirit says to the churches."

And Peter tells us the preaching of the apostles also comes to us through the work of the same Spirit.

1 Peter 1:¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who prophesied about the grace that would come to you, searched and carefully investigated. ¹¹ They inquired into what time or what circumstances the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating when he testified in advance to the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. ¹² It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you. These things have now been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—angels long to catch a glimpse of these things.

The same Spirit who revealed the coming and suffering of the Christ to and through the prophets is now at work in declaring the fulfilment of that prophecy through the ministry of the apostles

And in John 14-16 we learn that on the night before He died the Lord Jesus promised to give another Counsellor or helper to be with the apostles, the Spirit of truth, the holy Spirit

John 14:¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you forever. ¹⁷ He is the Spirit of truth. The world is unable to receive him because it doesn't see him or know him. But you do know him, because he remains with you and will be in you.

Our Lord Jesus then teaches that a large part of the role of the Counsellor is to allow the apostles to bear witness to Him faithfully and truthfully, and in this the Lord is guaranteeing to us who will believe in Him through their testimony the truthfulness of what they teach, of all they will teach, even things He has not taught them on earth.

John 14:²⁶ But the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have told you.

The Apostles' teaching comes from the Spirit, and by the Spirit we are given a guarantee that the apostles will accurately remember and transmit all that Jesus has taught them. Again, John 16

John 16:¹² "I still have many things to tell you, but you can't bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth. For he will not speak on his own, but he will speak whatever he hears. He will also declare to you what is to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you.

¹⁵ Everything the Father has is mine. This is why I told you that he takes from what is mine and will declare it to you.

The Spirit will guide them into all truth – and this includes in matters not directly addressed by the Lord Jesus on earth v. 12, matters the disciples could not then handle. The Spirit will give to them Jesus' word – 'what is mine' – so we will know that listening to them we are listening to Jesus.

The Scriptures, the written word, of the both the Old Testament and the New Testament are given to us by the Spirit, spoken by the Spirit through the prophets and apostles such that what the prophets and apostles wrote is the Word of God

Able to do for us what Paul said of the God breathed Scriptures in

2 Timothy 3: ¹⁵ and you know that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are able to give you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

That is – give us wisdom for salvation – teach us how to be saved by believing in the Lord Jesus,

And through their teaching, rebuke, correction and training maturing us and equipping us to do the good works God calls us to as Jesus' followers.

In making our confession that the Holy Spirit has spoken through the Prophets,

we are also confessing that the Scripture – our Old and New Testaments – coming by the Spirit of God, spoken by the Spirit, are the Word of God

And in confessing that we are also confessing three important things

The Unity of Scripture

Given by the one Spirit the Scriptures – the 39 books of the Old Testament, written over centuries, and the 27 books of the New Testament, are one, for they have the same divine author, telling the one story of salvation through Christ through the different circumstances, varied backgrounds, and literary styles of the human authors.

That means we can never separate the Old Testament from the New, nor pit the teaching of the Old Testament against the Teaching of the New, or read the Bible in such a way that one part contradicts another.

And we are confessing The Authority of Scripture – for faith and life, authority that can expect us to conform our thinking, speaking and acting to what it says

It has a unique authority when it speaks about God and what pleases Him – for it is from God, God telling us of Himself. So what it says of God should be believed in place of all that people may say about God

As the Word of God it stands alone, distinct from all human words, utterly reliable and true -for God is true and faithful in all He says, and almighty, able to do whatever He says

So the promises of Scripture should be believed as the promises of God

The commands of Scripture should be obeyed, the commands of God – and to know what Scripture says we should do, and not do it, is to disobey God

And we are confessing the Power of Scripture to do God's work

Power to expose our sin, to hold us in the gaze of God and reveal us to ourselves, to penetrate to and judge the thoughts and intentions of our hearts

Hebrews 4: ¹²For the word of God is living and effective and sharper than any double-edged sword, penetrating as far as the separation of soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³No creature is hidden from him, but all things are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give an account.

Power to bring saving faith in the Lord Jesus – to those who hear and read it.

Romans 10: ¹⁷So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the message about Christ.

Power as we heard in 2 Timothy to mature us as Jesus' followers and equip us to live the lives He has called us to through teaching us the truth, rebuking our sin, correcting our error, and training us – being the coach that keeps us practicing living God's way

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And confessing the Holy Spirit has spoken through the Prophets, that the Scriptures are the word of God, matters.

Matters enough for some of us not to have gone into the uniting church back in 1977, to have gone through what was for many a painful process of leaving their congregations and losing their property

The fundamental point of difference then was the authority of the Bible, the teaching of chapter one of the Westminster confession – whether the Bible is God's word written as the Confession said, or basically a human book in which believers can hear sometimes the word of God, and sometimes just human reflections, as the Basis of Union allowed

Matters enough for the diocese of the Southern Cross to have formed to protect Anglican believers in dioceses where their bishops no longer believe Scripture as God's Word guides believers' behaviour and so they can bless in blessing same sex unions what Scripture calls sin. You may have heard about that in the news, which generally gave a very negative assessment of those involved in the formation of that diocese. What is at stake in the formation of that diocese is the authority of God's word amongst God's people

But listen as Dominic Steele interviews Peter Judge Mears, the second Anglican minister to leave the Brisbane Diocese [Diocese of Southeast Queensland] as he highlights the issue, the position of his archbishop on the Scriptures

TO be true to the authority of Scripture those joining the diocese are willing to lose churches, homes, income.

And believing the Bible to be spoken by the Spirit matters enough for Christians to appear weird in a culture which is obsessed with the modern and the most recent, that seeks to live as if the present is all there is

Have you ever thought about that?

Have you ever thought how weird it must be for your friends who are not yet Christians to hear that part of your daily life is reading and thinking about a portion of a book that comes from – the most recent – about 1950 years ago, and its oldest book 1500 years earlier

Weird for them that when you are discussing together ethical issues – you turn to this ancient book and make its teaching your guide, which you do if you are convicted it is spoken by the Spirit of God, the God who created us and knows us

Weird for them that the decisions you will make about who you will marry, where you will live, what you do with your time, what kind of work you will look for – the decisions all must make – will be directed by what you have read in and heard from this book.

Weird

But confessing the Scriptures to be spoken by the Spirit and so being determined to know them and live by them does matter enough to be thought weird by others.

let me highlight two reasons why that is the case

Firstly, believing the Bible to be the Word of God matters to our relationship with God

Who are you trusting as a believer?

The church? Church tradition? Family culture?

Or the living, almighty, all wise God who gives you promises and commands that give life and human flourishing.

Into whose hands are you entrusting your life when you respond to the gospel call?

Apostles? Preachers? God forbid.

Or the Lord Jesus whose word you hear in the Scriptures, the One who having the power to give you life can call on you to give up your life to follow Him

The Christian life starts by receiving the gospel – its command to repent, its promise of forgiveness and eternal life, as the command and promise of the Lord Jesus, the Son of God – who alone as the crucified and risen one has the authority to make that total call on your life, and to make those promises and be relied on to keep them – for HE alone can give you life, and has loved you in laying down His life for you

And The Christian life, which is a life of daily dying to self, to your own desires, and coming alive to do God's will, continues by listening to God by listening to His word, trusting God by trusting His word – day after day believing His promises, heeding His warnings, obeying His commands – until the end

You lose His Word and you lose relationship with the living God

You are left with guesses and maybe's, with you picking and choosing what you think God ought to be like, picking and choosing about the life that may or may not please Him and enjoy His blessing

In the end, having constructed by this selection a god you approve of, you are trusting yourself, and you cannot forgive your sin, or raise you from the dead – or know what is best in an uncertain and big world

We lose the Bible as God's Word, and we lose relationship with God; we lose the confidence and hope the gospel gives; we lose the assurance of God's love – it is without foundation unless we know that it is God who has given His Son for us, and only God can say that

And where confidence, hope, assurance of love are lost – you lose the Christian life as a life like Christ's of trusting obedience to the Father even if it means suffering, and Christian love as a love like Christ's, that will lay down its life for others

Secondly, believing the Bible to be the Word of God matters as it gives us the basis for discerning truth from error, to distinguishing what will bring us closer to God from what will drive us away from God, individually and collectively

Truth matters. It was Adam and Eve's believing a lie about God that brought us all to death.

It was apparently her parents believing a lie about God that cost 8 year old Elizabeth Struhs her life in Toowoomba

You may have read about that case or heard of it on 60 minutes earlier in the year

Elizabeth Struhs tragically died on January 7, 2022 after she was allegedly denied medical care for type 1 diabetes for about six days. ABC online July

And it was reported that *"Police will allege the parents of the child knew she was unwell but were part of a religious organisation and believed God would "heal" the child.*

It is understood members of the religious congregation allegedly told police the child was not given her medication as she started to become sicker as she would be "raised from the dead" if she passed away.

ABC on line 14 Jan 2022

Many claim to speak for God, to have revelations from God, to have experience of God that gives them authority to promote their own interpretations and teaching.

But we are warned there are false spirits whose teaching we should have nothing to do with.

Are false spirits – 1 Tim 4:1, 1 John 4

1 Timothy 4: Now the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will depart from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and the teachings of demons, ² through the hypocrisy of liars whose consciences are seared.

And John writes

1 John 4: Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see if they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

And we are warned that there will always be those who will "distort the truth to lure the disciples into following them" Acts 20:30

Acts 20:³⁰ Men will rise up even from your own number and distort the truth to lure the disciples into following them.

And so we are commanded to be discerning, to test all things

1 Thessalonians 5:²⁰ Don't despise prophecies, ²¹ but test all things. Hold on to what is good. ²² Stay away from every kind of evil

and to grow up in our understanding

1 Corinthians 14:²⁰ Brothers and sisters, don't be childish in your thinking, but be infants in regard to evil and adult in your thinking.

What is the test that allows us to discern truth from error? IT is the teaching of the Spirit spoken Scriptures, the teaching of the Spirit of truth

How can we grow up in our understanding? Through reading and studying the Scriptures, the pure milk of the word, not alone but in the company of God's people, as we teach one another and enjoy God's provision through His Spirit of those, past and present, to whom He has given gifts of understanding and teaching

*1 Peter 2:² Like newborn infants, desire the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow up into your salvation, ³ if [since] **you have tasted that the Lord is good.***

And one of the things the Scriptures make clear is that the Spirit in our experience will never contradict the Spirit in the Word for

The Spirit is the Spirit of truth, who doesn't make mistakes and so will never contradict Himself.

And we should never abandon what the Spirit has spoken publicly in the New Testament to all through the apostles the Lord chose, trained, commissioned and equipped with His Spirit to bear witness to Him, whose ministry as witnesses to the resurrection can never be repeated, for later claims based on private visions and intuitions, no matter how persuasive they might be

Paul insisted on the authority of the apostolic word over all who claimed to be a prophet or spiritually gifted – in fact he made the recognition of that a prerequisite of being genuinely spiritual

1 Corinthians 14: ³⁷ If anyone thinks he is a prophet or spiritual, he should recognize that what I write to you is the Lord's command. ³⁸ If anyone ignores this, he will be ignored.

And we should make recognition of the authority of the apostolic word and consistency with its teaching the test of all we hear.

And so, for example, if someone comes, as they do from time to time, claiming to tell you the date of the Lord's return based on a vision they have had

Don't listen to them – for the Lord has said "Of that day and that hour no-one knows – neither the angels of heaven nor the Son – except the Father alone" Matthew 24:36.

If someone comes forbidding marriage, or foods, or medicines in the name of being spiritual – don't listen to them for in rejecting those false teachers who forbid such things Paul says

1 Timothy 4: Now the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will depart from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and the teachings of demons, ² through the hypocrisy of liars whose consciences are seared. ³ They forbid marriage and demand abstinence from foods that God created to be received with gratitude by those who believe and know the truth. ⁴ For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, ⁵ since it is sanctified by the word of God and by prayer.

Or, if someone claims on the basis of their experience, that you have to speak in tongues to be a real Christian,

Or, as the false prophets claim in Revelation 2, that you can be sexually immoral as a believer

Or that you can share in the worship of other gods,

Don't listen to them, for the Scriptures say that none of those claims are true

It is only by listening to what God has said in His Word that we can be equipped to become mature in faith, stable in conviction [Eph. 4:11-14], able to discern truth from destructive error.

Honour the Spirit

As the word is the means God has given us for relationship with Him

And as through the teaching of the word we can become mature and stable, able to discern the truth that gives life from the error and lies that bring death,

WE Honour the Spirit, honour the God who gave us the Scriptures, by expressing the Spirit given conviction that Scripture is the Word of God

By – reading them

Psalms 1 – is Spirit given and tells us that meditating on the Scriptures is the source of life, enduring life

*Psalm 1: Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;*

² *but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.*

³ *He is like a tree
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.*

And we read prayerfully. As the Spirit gives us the Word, so it is the Spirit that opens our eyes to understand its truth, that softens our hearts, our wills, to receive it, and to be changed by what we read

Prayer at the beginning of the sermon is not a formality, but a necessity

Prayer when you read the word at home is not a formality, but a necessity

We honour the Spirit by reading the word, reading prayerfully,

And reading in fellowship – not elevating our isolated individual interpretations as the rule, claiming unique insight for yourself, but reading in fellowship

We read with each other – as we seek to teach and encourage each other

And we read with the church, for Christ through His Spirit gives gifts to His people of teachers, now and in the past

And we Read to do. We honour the Scriptures as spoken by the Spirit by changing our minds – whether on God or sexuality or sin - to conform our thinking, the way we see the world, what we believe, to what it says – because we trust God

And Changing our behaviours to do what it says – because we trust God

And reading to do is not a burden, but a gift–

God says His word will be a lamp to our feet, light to our path and light is good.

*Psalm 119:¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp for my feet
and a light on my path.*

Light means we can walk safely in the darkness while we wait for the dawning of the day, wait for Christ's revelation in glory.

The Lord Jesus says it is those who listen to Him and do what He says who are among the wise

Matthew 7:²⁴ "Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain fell, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and pounded that house. Yet it didn't collapse, because its foundation was on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and doesn't act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷ The rain fell, the rivers rose, the winds blew and pounded that house, and it collapsed. It collapsed with a great crash." [cf. James 1:22-25]

To build what will last, where everything is fleeting and lost in death – and that is a gift

Yesterday was the Grand Final

The Geelong players worked hard for that win

But The skill, the fitness, the elation, the glory, in the end even the memory, will pass and be swallowed up in death

But those who listen to Jesus and do what He says – that will last, for eternity

Honour the Spirit who speaks the Scriptures

Read the word – not mechanically, but prayerfully

Not as a chore, but thankfully

Read expectantly, confident that over time God will do through His word what HE promises – make you complete, mature, ready to do the good works HE has for you.

If you are not a reader, let knowing God is speaking to you, His child, in His word – motivate you to do what does not come easily

Read with another, or listen to the Word – as through the centuries most, who could not read, have. And you can do that online

If you are a believer and reading is not your habit

Why stay immature

Why be ill equipped

Make the time – resolve to grow

Start today, and if you have difficulty forming the habit, why not start by doing the devotions sent out by email

If in your reading you have questions – come and ask. We are in it together

Or Join a growth group where we can help each other understand

And if you Still think it too weird – the issue at the core is not what you think of the Bible, but what you think of Jesus – so get answers about Him to make you think that knowing Him in His word is worth everything. Come and talk

The Spirit has spoken through the Prophets and all the writers of Scripture, spoken the Word, and the Spirit given word will do its work in the lives of those in whom Christ's Spirit dwells

Make a decision to grow, read the Word.