

1. Jesus forecasts mechanics of this system in John 16:12–15:

John 16:12 “I have many more doctrines to teach them, but you do not have the ability or power to mentally perceive them now.

v. 13 But on a future occasion when God the Holy Spirit of truth [ἀλήθεια (*alētheia*)] comes [indwelling, Acts 2:4a], He will instruct [ὁδηγέω (*hodēgēō*)] you into all truth [πᾶς ἀλήθεια (*pās alētheia*): veracity: immutable and absolute]; for He will not communicate [λαλέω (*lalēō*)] from the source of Himself, but whatever He hears from the Father, that He will report back to you what is to come [Church Age doctrine].

v. 14 “He [the Holy Spirit] will glorify Me [Jesus Christ], because He [the Holy Spirit] will receive [λαμβάνω (*lambánō*): acquire] from Me and will disclose [ἀναγγέλλω (*anangéllō*): declare, show forth, teach] it to you. (EXT)

2. 1 Corinthians 2:9–14 gives the same information, but does so from the standpoint of Paul’s utilization and application of what the Lord prophesied in John 16:

1 Corinthians 2:9 As it stands written, “Things which the eye has not seen and the ear has not heard [**knowledge gained through empiricism**], also those things which have not entered into the mind of man [**knowledge gained through rationalism**], are those things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”

v. 10 But to us God has revealed them through the Holy Spirit. For the human spirit [imputed at salvation to process divine thought] investigates all things, even the deep things of God.



1 Corinthians 2:11 For what man understands the things of man except man's spirit within him [human systems of perception that acquire academic understanding of the mundane]? Even so the things of God [supernatural information unknown to man and imperceptible by the human mind] no one has known except the Holy Spirit.

v. 12 But we have not received the world's spirit [human IQ], but the human spirit [spiritual IQ] from the source of God in order that we might have a permanent knowledge [οἶδα (*oída*): to discern spiritual phenomena] of things that have been graciously given to us under the authority of God.

v. 13 Which things we teach, not by teaching from the source of man's wisdom, but by teaching [διδακτός (*didaktós*): the Divine Academy of Grace Didactics³] from the source of the Holy Spirit, bringing together spiritual truth [πνευματικοῖς (*pneumatikóis*): masculine, biblical truth] to a spiritual system [πνευματικά (*pneumatiká*): neuter, Operation Z].⁴

³ The System of Divine Didactics. The biblical system of hermeneutics that is applied to the interpretation of Scripture: (1) Revelation: God's direct divine influence communicated truth to the minds of biblical writers, (2) Inspiration: Direct divine influence insured their accurate transfer of truth into written languages, (3) Interpretation: Pastors, guided by the Holy Spirit, discern through hermeneutics the meaning of Scripture, (4) Communication: Verbal conveyance of biblical doctrines to their assigned congregations, (5) Illumination: Believers, guided by the Holy Spirit, are enabled to understand and retain Bible doctrines, and (6) Animation: Believers, enabled by the Holy Spirit, apply resident doctrines to life and circumstances. (Lewis Sperry Chafer, *Systematic Theology* (Dallas: Dallas Seminary Press, 1947), 1:48–88; 105–123.

⁴ “1 Corinthians 2:13 πνευματικός (*pneumatikós*). Adjective from πνεῦμα [*pneúma*], *spirit*, thus meaning pertaining to the *spirit, spiritual*. Often *pneumatikós* is used in contrast to that which is σαρκικός [*sarkikós*], *fleshly* or *carnal* (as 1 Corinthians 3:1), or that which is ψυχικός [*psukikós*], *natural* or *unspiritual* (as here, cf. v. 14). What is thus *spiritual* requires the enlightening or regenerating work (the endowment) of the Spirit upon the human spirit for there to be meaning and life” (Arthur L. Farstad, Zane C. Hodges, C. Michael Moss, et al., *The Majority Text Greek New Testament Interlinear* (Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2007), 589n2:13).



1 Corinthians 2:14

The soulish man [ψυχικός (*psuchikós*): the dichotomous unbeliever with a soul but no human spirit] does not accept things from the Holy Spirit for to him they are foolishness, furthermore, he is not able to even acquire academic understanding [γνῶσις (*gnōsis*): academic understanding of biblical truth] because they are spiritually discerned [ἀνακρίνω (*anakrínō*): the Holy Spirit sheds light for the believer to examine, scrutinize, and decide, i.e., illumination].

9. At the moment of salvation, the new believer receives seven ministries of the Holy Spirit:

1. **Efficacious Grace:** The power of the Holy Spirit to observe and act on the positive volition of the unbeliever and makes his expression of faith effective for salvation. (See Ephesians 2:8)
2. **Sealing Ministry:** The positive volition of the unbeliever is converted to salvation whose eternal future is guaranteed by the Holy Spirit sealing his name into the Book of Life. It is the Holy Spirit's signature guarantee of that person's eternal future. (Ephesians 1:13–14, 4:30)
3. **Regeneration:** This is the "born again" clause of the believer's salvation package. We are all born physically alive but spiritually dead. The second birth has to do with the soul acquiring eternal life through faith alone in Christ alone. See the "renewing by the Holy Spirit" in Titus 3:5 and the "born again" clause in 1 Peter 1:23. Jesus uses the latter phrase in John 3:6–7.
4. **Baptism of the Holy Spirit:** At the moment of salvation, the Holy Spirit takes us and enters us into union with the Person of Christ. This results in the believer sharing what Christ has which includes:
 - (1) eternal life, (2) imputation of His righteousness, (3) we share His destiny in heaven, (4) we share Christ's election, (5) we are baptized into His royal family, and (6) we become a new spiritual species.



NOTE: Election refers to being adopted into the heavenly community by grace through faith, not of works (2 Timothy 1:9).

NOTE: “New spiritual species” refers to our entry into the spiritual body of believers. Humanistically speaking, there are only four races: (1) Semitic (from Shem), (2) Hamitic (from Ham), (3) Japhetic (from Japheth), and (4) Abrahamic or Jewish from Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Believers, regardless of their human species, become members of the heavenly spiritual species.

5. **The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit:** At the moment of salvation, the Holy Spirit indwells the body of the believer (1 Corinthians 3:16, “Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Holy Spirit dwells in you?”). The body becomes the temple for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.
6. **The Filling of the Holy Spirit:** This status is maintained inside the evanescent divine power system. As long as the believer stays in fellowship, the Holy Spirit provides recall of doctrine for advanced inculcation of divine viewpoint, enlargement of spiritual inventory, and application to life and circumstances. Loss of the filling ministry is caused by personal sin which can only be recovered through confession alone to God alone (1 John 1:9).
7. **Distribution of Spiritual Gifts:** This category was initially executed by Jesus Christ at His ascension in Acts 1:9 with details given in:

Ephesians 4:8 Therefor it says,
“When He [Jesus] ascended on high [Acts 1:9], He led captive a host of captives, and gave gifts [spiritual] to men [masculine plural of *ἄνθρωπος* (*ánthrōpos*)].”

v. 11 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers.⁵ (NASB)

⁵ Paul inserts verses 9 and 10 in a parenthesis between verses 8 and 11. They have been skipped to maintain the context of verses 8 and 11.

