

## How We Got The Word of God

**A**ll scripture is given by inspiration of God.

**(2 Tim 3:16 KJV) All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:**

This is talking about the entire bible. Every word was given by inspiration of God. What does inspiration mean? The Greek word behind inspiration means *breathing*. God is spirit and doesn't need to breathe. When God wants us to pay special attention to something in his word, he uses figures of speech. Have you ever heard anyone say "It's raining cats and dogs"? While it doesn't usually rain cats and dogs, it could be raining terribly hard. Raining cats and dogs is a figure of speech.

All scripture is given by inspiration of God means that God's Word has God's life breathed into every word of



it. Each word is alive with God.

How did the Word become written?

**(2 Pet 1:20-21 KJV) Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. {21} For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.**

God chose certain believing men and gave them his spirit. This is how God showed these men what to record. These men first

spoke God's word, and then, later, it was written down.

This happened to the Apostle Paul. He wrote several books of the Bible.

**(Gal 1:11-12 KJV) But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. {12} For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.**

The Word of God that the Apostle Paul brought forth did not come from men. He didn't make it up either. He received those words from God. God gave Paul those words. God is Spirit and talked to the spirit he put in Paul. The same was true with many other men who brought forth the bible from God.

A man of God is a man who can speak for God. He believes God's Word and obeys God. Because a man

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of God has a gift of holy spirit, God can talk with him. God told his men what to say; that's how we received God's word, the bible.

As Christians, we have Christ in us. This means that God can talk to us just like he talked to those holy men long ago..

(Col 1:27 KJV) To whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

When God speaks, we should listen. He speaks to us words of life that give us health, comfort and guidance.

We know God's willingness equals God's ability. So if he is willing to fully equip us in life, he is helping us. We need to believe what God's Word says and act how God says we should act. When you know and believe God's Word, you are fully prepared to do good works that God has called you to do.

Much Love in Christ.

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