

The God WITHIN You

The ILLUMINATION – Teaming up with the Holy Spirit to receive real help

The **HOLY SPIRIT'S** role in illumination

His work in the **WORLD**

The Holy Spirit **CONVICTS** all unsaved people

John 15:8-11

His work in **BELIEVERS**

The Holy Spirit **TEACHES** the believer Biblical Truth

John 14:26; 1 John 2:27

REVELATION led to **INSPIRATION** which leads to **ILLUMINATION**

The Holy Spirit **GUIDES** the believer into deeper truth

John 15:13

The Holy Spirit will **DISCLOSE** Jesus to believers

John 15:14; 1 Cor. 2:6-13

Conclusion: The Holy Spirit turns on the floodlights
– making Biblical Truth clear to minds and hearts

My **ROLE** in illumination

REGULARLY and **PRAYERFULLY** engage the Bible Psalm 119:18; Ephesians 1:17-18

Approach Bible reading with a **CLEAN HEART** and ready **OBEDIENCE**

Psalm 66:18; John 7:17

Obey the Holy Spirit's **NUDGES** – no **GRIEVING** or **QUENCHING** the Spirit

Eph. 4:30; Psalm 66:18; 1 Thess. 5:19

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Life Application Questions – August 30, 2026

John 16:8-11 *And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.*

DISCOVER

1. Have you ever tried to read in a dimly lit room? What was the experience like? What good is provided by light? How did Jesus enlighten understanding of the Old Testament?
2. Describe situations when you have resisted the Holy Spirit. Did you end up listening and acting? Why might it have been better if you had followed in obedience upon first hearing from the Lord? What convinces you that the Holy Spirit is providing guidance and it is not your own inclinations? How can we be confident and obedient followers when the Spirit speaks?
3. What is meant by saying the Holy Spirit provides illumination? What are the four roles of illumination filled by the Holy Spirit, as taught by Phil? Give examples from your experience.

EXPLORE

1. Does the Holy Spirit speak to those who don't believe in Jesus? If yes, then in what ways? Read John 16:8-11 again. What evidence might you point to that God speaks to all people? How might this lead to the conclusion that no one is without excuse? Is it possible to believe in Jesus without the work of the Holy Spirit? Explain.
2. Provide examples of times when you have read scripture and something jumps out at you despite having read the scripture many times.
3. Read John 14:26 and 1 John 2:27. What good comes from the Holy Spirit bringing scripture to mind during everyday life? Share some of the scriptures that repeatedly speak to your heart.
4. What has the Holy Spirit disclosed to you over the years? Where would you be without the work of the Spirit and your obedience in listening? In what ways do you hope for the Holy Spirit to continue to speak truth to you?

EXPERIENCE

1. Why isn't it "good enough" to sit back and let the Holy Spirit speak truth into your life without you being engaged in the Word? What does Psalm 119:18 mean by imploring God to open your eyes? What actions are associated with you beholding "Wonderful things from Your law"?
2. How might you pray before opening the Bible for reading or studying? What does it mean to approach Bible reading/studying with a clean heart and ready obedience?
3. Share of some typical ways that the Holy Spirit speaks to you during your daily routine? How is your heart impacted if you don't listen? How is your heart lifted up when you know you have followed a nudge from the Spirit and seen the impact on those around you?

PRAY

Loving Father, inspire us to be in Your Word. Please remind us of the awesome opportunity and privilege that we have through Your Spirit guiding our understanding of Your inspired Word. As Your commands are written on our hearts, open our eyes to living out the mission set before us. In the matchless name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.