

11- GOD'S SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING

The third suggestion that will enable you to glean the truth from God's Word while you stay away from the seeds of error in your translation is, **you must ask God to fill you with the Spirit of Understanding**. Jesus tells those of His called out assembly, the local church in Jerusalem, "*Ye shall drink indeed of my cup and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with.*" *Matthew 20:23 (New International Version)*

Christ could not have been speaking of water baptism since He and His disciples had already been immersed in water. He promised them that soon they were to be baptized or immersed into the same seven-fold agent into which He had been baptized or immersed. Isaiah or Isaia tells us about the seven-fold agent into which Christ was immersed.

"And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of His roots: and (#1) the Spirit of the Lord {Jehovah} shall rest upon Him, (#2) the Spirit of Wisdom, and (#3) {the Spirit of} Understanding, (#4) the Spirit of Counsel and (#5) {the Spirit of} Might, (#6) the Spirit of Knowledge and (#7) the Spirit of the Fear {Reverence} of the Lord." *Isaiah 11:1-2 (King James Version)*

This passage in *Isaiah 11:1-2* lists the sevenfold working of the Holy Spirit of God. Please note that not one of the seven refers to "charismatic" gifts. This is the sevenfold working of the Holy Spirit of God described in other parts of the Bible.

"⁴ John, to the seven churches in Asia: grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne,⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood,⁶ who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever (and ever). Amen." *Revelation 1:4-6 (New American Bible-United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)*

*"¹ And to the angel of the **church in Sardis** write: These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars: I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and thou art dead.² Be thou watchful, and establish the things that remain, which were ready to die: for I have found no works of thine perfected before my God.³ Remember therefore how thou hast received and didst hear; and keep it, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.⁴ But thou hast a*

few names in Sardis that did not defile their garments: and they shall walk with me in white; for they are worthy." Revelation 3:1-4 (American Standard Version)

"⁴ And round the throne twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones twenty-four elders sitting, clothed with white garments; and on their heads golden crowns. ⁵ And out of the throne go forth lightnings, and voices, and thunders; and seven lamps of fire, burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God; ⁶ and before the throne, as a glass sea, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, four living creatures, full of eyes, before and behind; ⁷ and the first living creature like a lion, and the second living creature like a calf, and the third living creature having the face as of a man, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle." Revelation 4:4-7 (Darby's Translation)

"⁶ And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷ And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne." Revelation 5:6-7 (Easy-To-Read Version)

The Spirit of Understanding (#3 printed above) will aid us in understanding (1) Gods' Divine Word, (2) Gods' will for our life and (3) Gods' way. Before we begin our daily study of Gods' Word, we should ask God, in prayer, to illuminate our understanding and to make His will evident as we study. If you desire to know more about what your Bible says about the sevenfold work of the Holy Spirit of God, you may read the paper " The Power Of The Sevenfold Spirit Of God" listed on our website.