

GLEANINGS

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 His disciples, *"Ye shall drink indeed of my cup and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with."* (Matthew 20:23 NIV)

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 agent into which He had been baptized or immersed. Isaiah or Isaia tells us about the 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 including Revelation 1:4 and Revelation 5:6.

The Spirit of Understanding will help us to understand (1) Gods' divine word, (2) Gods' will for our life and (3) Gods' way. Before we begin our daily study of Gods' word, we must ask God, in prayer, to illuminate our understanding and to make His will evident. If you desire to know more about what your Bible says about the sevenfold work of the Holy Spirit of God, please contact us.

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