

A Supernatural Faith

Truth is always under attack. The church is entrusted with the charge of upholding truth at any cost.

Polarization: The Fundamentalist and the Charismatic

Torrey- "You and Your Bible"

Decline of Fundamentalism, rise of Charismatic faith- bridge joke

Matthew 22:29

²⁹ But Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not understanding the Scriptures nor the power of God.

John 16:13

¹³ But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

"There are many who believe in God, and who are perfectly orthodox in their conception of God, but after all God is to them only an intellectual theological proposition. It is the work of the Holy Spirit to make God something vastly more than a theological notion, no matter how orthodox; He is the Spirit of the living God, and it is His work to make God a living God to us, a Being whom we know, with whom we have personal acquaintance, a Being more real to us than the most intimate human friend we have." — R.A. Torrey, *The Person and Work of The Holy Spirit*

How did we get the Bible?

1 Peter 1:10-12

¹⁰ As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that *would come* to you made careful searches and inquiries, ¹¹ seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow.

2 Peter 1:21

²¹ for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

2 Timothy 3:16

¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness

God only speaks through scripture. At least we can all agree on that, right?

Hebrews 1:1-2

1 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, ² in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.

Galatians 4:6

⁶ Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

Isn't listening to voices dangerous?

John 10:27

²⁷ My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me

John 10:4-5

⁴ When he puts forth all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ A stranger they simply will not follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers."

Scripture is authoritative, but the Devil deceives using scripture. What separates one from the other is knowing the voice that is speaking!

Hebrews 3:7-8

⁷Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says, “Today if you hear His voice, ⁸Do not harden your hearts as when they provoked Me, As in the day of trial in the wilderness

Hebrews 12:25

²⁵See to it that you do not refuse Him who is speaking. For if those did not escape when they refused him who warned *them* on earth, much less *will we escape* who turn away from Him who *warns* from heaven.

The real danger is in *not* listening to voices, not learning to distinguish Jesus’ voice, and following the voice of a stranger!

Acts 8:29

²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go up and join this chariot.”

Acts 13:2

²While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”

Acts 21:11

¹¹And coming to us, he took Paul’s belt and bound his own feet and hands, and said, “This is what the Holy Spirit says: ‘In this way the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.’”

“Herein lies the whole secret of a real Christian life, a life of liberty and joy and power and fullness. To have as one's ever-present Friend, and to be conscious that one has as his ever-present Friend, the Holy Spirit, and to surrender one's life in all its departments entirely to His control, this is true Christian living.” — R.A. Torrey, *The Person and Work...*

Ephesians 1:18-19a

¹⁸*I pray that* the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe.

Colossians 1:28-29

²⁸We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ. ²⁹For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.