

If we are truly a child of God, then we have experienced times when God has clearly spoken to our heart through His word and through His Holy Spirit. Sometimes it is to convict us of our own sin, “But when the Counselor comes, he will convict the world of sin and righteousness and judgment.”

In the early stages of coming to God, His Spirit is the One revealing who God is to us: “no one knows who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.” Lk 10:22

In times of trouble, the Spirit speaks to God for us: the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. . . .the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God’s will.”

At times His Spirit reveals God’s character to us in a new way: “For you did not receive a Spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, you received the Spirit of sonship.” Rom 8:15

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The very character of God becomes real to us through reading of the examples of Christ’s interactions with the people of his day: the hardworking fishermen who left everything to follow Jesus; the sinful woman caught in adultery who received mercy from the Lord, the self-righteous Pharisees who were called on the carpet for their hypocrisy; the pure at heart youngster who referred to himself as “the disciple whom Jesus loved.”

It is only when we start to grasp the absolute truth about Christ, that we begin to experience a paradigm shift in our own lives. “My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. . . .I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from the Father I have made known to you.”

God’s desire is for us to KNOW HIM! To know his character, his heart, his desires, and his motivations. To be able to recognize him in the mundane and the glorious things of this earth. For all things were created by God. And yet, even the most spiritual among us have only experienced a small GLIMPSE of the One True God. Oh, for the day when we will see him face to face, and know him fully, even as we are fully known.