

GOD SPEAKS TO TWO GROUPS OF PEOPLE

God speaks to all men through (1) moral consciousness, (2) His power in creation, and (3) through the conviction of the Holy Spirit concerning sin, righteousness, and judgment. God speaks to the unregenerate and the regenerate in these three ways. Romans 1:20; 2:1-4 John 16:7-11

God speaks more abundantly to the regenerate (born again believers) because the regenerate have a relationship with God in Christ. The foundational platform by which God speaks is always through the Bible. No matter what format God is speaking, the Bible is the key to hearing God speak. 2 Timothy 2:15 Hebrews 4:12

God speaks to the regenerate through the avenue of Scriptural prayer. In prayer, the Holy Spirit reminds us of Scriptural truths and reveals applications for these truths. In corporate prayer through the local church, the Holy Spirit also reveals God's will based upon the church's knowledge of Scripture and their willingness to do ministry. If the church is growing in interpreting Scripture correctly as revealed by the Spirit, there is opportunity for correct application in ministry. God also speaks in and through circumstances, but always with a Scriptural basis and led by the Spirit. Romans 8:12-18, 26-27

In summary, God speaks through the Holy Spirit. The Bible is the foundational platform by which the Spirit speaks. The Spirit uses the Bible, prayer, the church, and circumstances to reveal God's very makeup, attributes, purposes, and His ways.