

Scriptures state that they are ALL that are required to be faithful, then seeking these signs and wonders are a rejection of that truth. Jesus said “*an evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign*” (Matthew 16:4); perhaps this is true today as well.

In a similar manner many churches and people expect a unique and personal indwelling of the Holy Spirit who also will guide them into the truth. Again, the claim that Scripture equips us for all things is rejected by this idea. Many are confused by the promises of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament; they fail to identify that the promise of His baptism was made to the Apostles alone (John 14:16-17, etc). They also fail to understand that when the Scriptures speak about the work of the Holy Spirit with a believer, this work is through the Scriptures, which are the manifestation of the Holy Spirit. This can be seen when we compare the works of the Spirit in us with the works of the word within us:

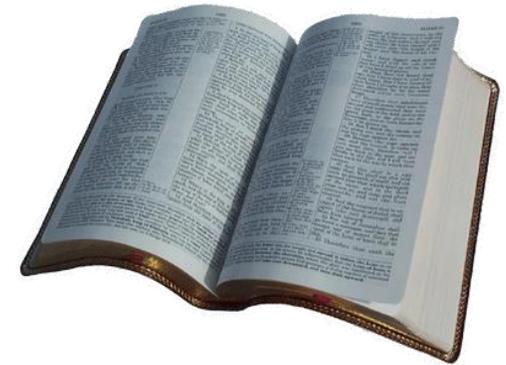
THE SPIRIT:	THE WORD:
Indwells - James 4:5	Indwells - Col. 3:16
“Gives birth” - John 3:8	“Gives birth” - 1 Peter 1:23
Gives life - 2 Cor. 3:6	Gives life - Phil. 2:16
Guarantees Salvation - 2 Cor. 1:22	Guarantees Salvation - 1 John 5:13
Sanctifies - 2 Thes. 2:13	Sanctifies - John 17:17

Convicts & judges - John 16:8	Convicts & judges - Tit 1:9, John 12:48
Gives power - Rom. 15:13	Gives power - Heb. 4:12
Comforts - Acts 9:31	Comforts - Rom. 15:4
Testifies of God - Rom. 8:16	Testifies of God - John 5:39

Jesus’ church has only one light today; the Holy Spirit inspired the NT writers, who passed on the will of God. The church is ONLY guided by the Scriptures, and we are told not to think beyond what is written (1 Corinthians 4:6), nor to add to nor take away from the Word of God (Revelation 22:18-19).

If Noah had decided that the Ark needed more windows, what would have happened? The ark was not designed to keep him in, but to keep the water (the world) out. Yet poking hole in the ark would have flooded it; so too is the church that Jesus built; more windows lets in the world.

Sola Scriptura: Only The Bible



When God commanded Noah to build the ark, God gave specific plans to him as to its construction. *"You shall make a window for the ark, and finish it to a cubit from the top; and set the door of the ark in the side of it"* (Genesis 6:16). We see in the New Testament that the church that Jesus built had similar spiritual construction; covered by the blood of Christ, it too is a place of safety from a world to be destroyed. As well, it too has but one way to enter (Matthew 7:13 *"Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it"*) and it too has but one source of light – the Scriptures (2 Peter 1:19 *So we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts*).

The scriptures are the only source of illumination given to the church that Jesus built. This simple idea makes a remarkable difference between His church and the churches of men. This concept is one often mentioned in scripture.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 *All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.* (Scripture makes a spiritual person COMPLETELY able to do all spiritual works in life)

2 Peter 1:3 *Seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.* (God has given us everything we need through knowledge (scriptures)).

Romans 10:17 *So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.* (Faith (which saves) comes by hearing the Word (scriptures)).

Jude 1:3b *I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints.* (Faith (which comes by Scripture) has been completely revealed).

God does not change (Malachi 3:6, Numbers 23:19, James 1:17). That also extends to His Word (1 Peter 1:25). Therefore, what His Word has stated remains true. If it was true 2000 years ago, it is true now. And what God said then was that He is done speaking; we have everything we need. This is a matter of faith (and in fact a very fundamental characteristic of faith).

Jesus church has only one source of doctrine – the Bible. Many churches of men claim this; is it true? In fact it is not. When one examines the various denomination of men, a startling pattern emerges. Most have ADDITIONAL sources of doctrine besides the Bible to which they turn for spiritual guidance.

CHURCH	ADDITIONAL DOCUMENT(S)
Roman Catholic Church	Catholic Catechism/Church traditions/Creeds
Greek Orthodox Church	Orthodox Catechism
Anglican/Episcopalian Church	To Be A Christian (Catechism) /Church traditions/Creeds
Lutheran Church	Luther's Small Catechism/Creeds
Presbyterian Church	The Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms
Baptist Church	The Philadelphia Confession of Faith, The Standard Baptism Manual
Mormon Church	The Book(s) of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants
Jehovah's Witnesses	The Watchtower Publishing (Magazine)
Pentecostal Church	Discipline of the Pentecostal Holiness Church (1925)
Methodist Church	The Methodist Discipline/Creeds
Seventh Day Adventist	Church Manual/Preachers Manual/Pastors Manual
Christian Scientist	Church Manual/Writings of Mary Baker Eddy
Church of the Nazarene	Church Manual

In addition, many of these churches also rely on additional revelations from God on a more personal level. That is, they seek for signs and miracles that speak to them and convey messages from God. Yet if the