

UNIT 2

THE ACTIVITY OF THE SPIRIT (PART 1)

Almighty, eternal and merciful God, whose Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path, open and illuminate our minds, that we may purely and perfectly understand your Word and that our lives may be conformed to what we have rightly understood, that in nothing we may be displeasing unto your majesty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

–Huldrych Zwingli

I/ Creation and Providence

A. Creation

- Genesis 1:2, 2:7; Job 26:13; John 20:22

B. Providence

- Genesis 1:11-12, 8:1; Exodus 14:21-22; Job 33:4; Psalm 104:27-30

II/ Scripture

A. Inspiration

- 2 Timothy 3:15-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21; John 16:13-14; Hebrews 3:7, 4:7

B. Inerrancy

- John 8:26, 40

C. Illumination

- Psalm 119:18; 1 Corinthians 2:12-15; Ephesians 1:17-18; Hebrews 4:12-13

“We long for God to tell us that he loves us, to let us in on his plans, to pour out his heart to us, to whisper in our ears. And that is what the Spirit does! The Spirit speaks to us through the Bible. The Bible is not just a collection of stories and facts about God. It’s the means the Spirit uses to speak to us and therefore to relate to us...It’s almost as if you could put it to your ear and hear it pulsing! The word of God comes alive as we read it through the life-giving Spirit.” –Tim Chester and Christopher de la Hoyde

III/ Salvation

A. Union with Christ

- Ephesians 2:19-22; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17; Romans 6:1-11, 8:8-11

B. Regeneration

- Ezekiel 36:22-27; Ephesians 2:1-3; Titus 3:4-6; Acts 16:14; John 3:1-21

C. Conversion (Faith and Repentance)

- John 16:7-8; Acts 11:15-18; 1 Corinthians 12:3

“I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.” –Martin Luther