



QA: Since God's Message Is On the Preacher, What Difference Does Scripture Make? by [John T Polk II](#)

*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

QUESTION: Since God lays His message on our preacher's heart, what difference does it make what the Scriptures teach?

ANSWER: You only have your preacher's word for that inspiration, and the Bible warned:

The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?" (**Jeremiah 17:9**)

Even Jesus said:

"If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true." (**John 5:31**)

Miracles and Scripture substantiated His claims (John 5:36-40**).**

1. **Jesus promised the Apostles the Holy Spirit** when He said,

"The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you." (**John 14:26**)

When this happened on Pentecost (**Acts 2:1-4, 14-22**),

And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.
(**Mark 16:20**)

Those miracles ceased when the word "was confirmed to us" (**Hebrews 2:3**). Scripture says,

If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord.
(**1 Corinthians 14:37**)

The written Word is God's Message today.

2. **Holy Spirit-inspired "tongues" came on the Apostles** this way:

There appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to

Speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
(**Acts 2:3-4**)

The Apostles were Galileans, the multitude marveled:

"How is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?" (**Acts 2:8**)

Miraculously given "tongues" (or native languages) were a means of preaching the Gospel until the New Testament was completed. There are no miraculously delivered "tongues" today, but we should

Contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. (**Jude 1:3**)

3. **Jesus told His Apostles:**

"But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you." (**Matthew 10:19-20**)

EVERY TIME YOUR PREACHER, THE ROMAN CATHOLIC "POPE," SO-CALLED "MIRACLE HEALERS," OR ANY OTHER RELIGIOUS LEADER READS FROM A MANUSCRIPT OR NOTES, AND WITHOUT MIRACLES, HE/ SHE PROVES BEYOND ANY SHADOW OF DOUBT THEY DO NOT HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT FROM GOD!

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