**BIBLE STUDY LECTURE NOTE**

**TOPIC: THE SPIRIT SPEECH**

**TEXT: JOHN 6:63 –** *It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.*

**INTRODUCTION**

The term, *Spirit speech*, simply refers to words (spoken or heard) that are inspired by the Holy Spirit; it could also be described as *speaking by the Spirit.* More often than not, God’s perspective on a whole lot of matters usually differs from human perspective. Hence, the Spirit of God mostly says things that *seem* hard to comprehend; this is because He speaks the perspective of Eternity (See John 16:12-15). He does not speak like men because He is not a man; although He is a Person – *who essentially is the One who communicates the living oracles of God to us*. God’s people must learn how to discern & flow with words inspired by the Holy Spirit, because in it we will find eternal life – which simply means the *God-kind of life.* Spirit-inspired speech is God’s hidden wisdom to the [mature] believer but foolishness & illogical to the carnally-minded (See 1 Cor. 2:13-16 AMP).

**THREE (out of many) CHARACTERISTICS OF SPIRIT-INSPIRED SPEECH**

**1. It is not premeditated.** The utterances of the Spirit are usually spontaneous; they are not something you study hard to know such as cramming to pass an examination or preparing for a seminar/presentation. Of course it is very scriptural to study diligently (See 2 Tim 2:15), because without it our minds would be dull & unproductive. However, it is important to note that the Spirit’s utterances do not originate from the mind (if flowing through a human vessel); they come straight from the heart to the mouth, bypassing the mind’s consent (SeeMark 13:11).

**2. It cuts to the heart.** Like a surgeon’s scalpel, words inspired by the Spirit transmit divine power to the hearts of men, producing conviction which, in turn, leads to a change of mind or opinions. In other words, it takes hold of the heart first, and then influences the mind (See Acts 2:37, Acts 7:51-54). Many times, it could also be offensive to the mind just so it can reveal the spiritual condition of the heart (See John 5:56-59).

**3. It reveals hidden things.** It is a vehicle for revelation from the mind of God to the heart of men; it unfolds the mysterious wonders of God & His purposes. Also, it could reveal the evil intention of men’s hearts and make it impossible for them to achieve it. Spirit-inspired utterance captivates an audience easily & has the power to arrest men’s attention (See John 7:32, 44-46).

**CONCLUSION**

Two important keys to flow in the utterances of the Holy Spirit: (1) yielding [our hearts and mouths] to Him and (2) having consistent fellowship with Him in the secret place. The communion of the Holy Spirit is not a ‘closing prayer’, but a major secret of the early church. It is a lifestyle that we must cultivate in order to enjoy an exceedingly fruitful relationship with the Holy Spirit and access the fullness of Christ.