

Speaking by the Spirit of Faith

Having the same spirit of faith according to that which is written, 'I believed, therefore I spoke,' we also believe, therefore we also speak.

— 2 Corinthians 4:13

- What is "the same spirit of faith"?
- Faith is a wonder, a miracle, within us
- Our believing faith becomes our speaking faith

**Our
Human
Spirit**

What is "the same spirit of faith"?

What is it that *you* believe in with *your* spirit of faith?

It is the same spirit that ALL the believers have

We believe with our spirit for it is a spirit of faith.

It is the blended and mingled spirit

- Not distinctly the Holy Spirit, — but still not merely a human disposition: the indwelling Holy Spirit penetrates and characterizes the whole renewed man - Henry Alford
- Spirit of faith: not distinctly the Holy Spirit, nor, on the other hand, a human faculty or disposition, but blending both - Marvin Vincent.

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What would you say the shutter is?

What would "clicking" the shutter signify?

We are like a camera

In order to understand this miracle of faith, let us consider how a camera works

- Scenery - The gospel described in the New Testament
- Light - The Holy Spirit
- Film - Our human spirit

But whenever their heart turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away – 2 Corinthians 3:16

Our believing faith becomes our speaking faith

Can you tell the difference between speaking **without** the spirit of faith and speaking **with** the spirit of faith?

Because our human spirit is a spirit of faith...

- When we turn to our spirit we believe.
- We need to speak with boldness and not speak from weakness.
- When the Apostle Paul wrote 2 Corinthians, he was speaking with a spirit of faith.

Excerpt from the book, *The Divine Speaking*, by Witness Lee

- Even though Paul was not speaking with his tongue, he was speaking by his pen. When he was writing, he had the spirit of faith. He wrote with boldness, with the spirit of faith.
- **Without** the spirit of faith, I may speak to you about my experience of the Lord's death, life, and resurrection in this way (...In this speaking there is no spirit, no faith.):
 - "Dear saints, thank the Lord, I am really not worthy, but His mercy has put me here. You know I am so weak. I want to tell you that I have been put to death quite often; I am so shameful. A number of times I was really dead. But through much suffering and much prayer, yesterday I was resurrected. Still, this morning I am so weak; probably you can realize I am even sleepy."
- If Paul were here, he would say,
 - "Dear saints, let me tell you, the putting to death of Jesus has been upon me all the day. Praise Him, His life is also manifested upon me. I say this by the spirit of faith!"
- This makes quite a difference. Regrettably, in many of the meetings the dear ones who share speak in the former, poor way. When they speak, there is no spirit. When they speak, there is no faith. (*The Divine Speaking*, Chapter 3)

Psalm 116:10 says: "I believed, therefore I spoke; I was afflicted greatly"

- The spirit of faith is the Holy Spirit mingled with our human spirit. **We must exercise such a spirit to believe and to speak**, like the psalmist, the things we have experienced of the Lord, especially His death and resurrection. Faith is in our spirit, which is mingled with the Holy Spirit, not in our mind. Doubts are in our mind. (Recovery Version, 2 Cor. 4:13 Footnote 2)

When we speak, in order to not stir up the listener's mind, we need to start by exercising our own spirit.