

The Illumination of the Spirit

**A Definition:**

Illumination is the ministry of the Holy Spirit helping the believer to understand and apply the truth of the Bible.

- Charles Ryrie

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**The Biblical Term – Guidance**

**John 16:12-13**

I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, **He will guide you** into all the truth

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**The Biblical Term – Guidance**

- We **need** the Spirit's guidance
- The Spirit's guidance requires our **cooperation**.
- The Spirit's guidance is a **process**

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Our Capacity for Illumination

**Four Categories of People:**

- **A Natural Man** (1 Cor 2:14)
  - An unbeliever
  - Spiritual truth is not understood intellectually or academically

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**Four Categories of People:**

- **A Natural Man** (1 Cor 2:14)
- **A Spiritual Man** (1 Cor 2:15)
  - A mature Christian
  - Unlimited capacity

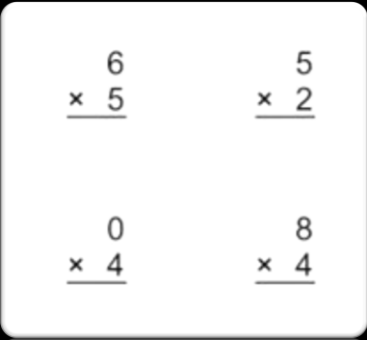
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- An Immature Christian (1 Cor 3:1)
  - An infant
  - A limited capacity

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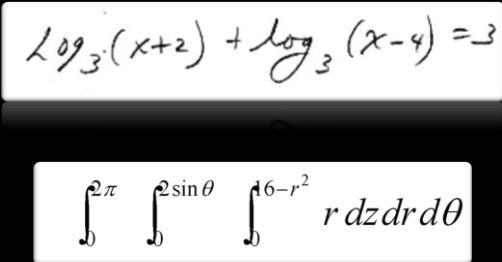


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- A Natural Man (1 Cor 2:14)
- A Spiritual Man (1 Cor 2:15)
- An Immature Christian (1 Cor 3:1)
- A Resistant Christian (1 Cor 3:1)
  - Cannot be guided into truth

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 The Danger of Ignoring Illumination

**James 1:22**

But prove yourselves **doers** of the word, and not merely **hearers** who delude themselves.

**The Danger: Self-Delusion**

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