

The Spirit of Prophecy

2 Peter 1:19-21 - *And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. 20 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. 21 For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, **but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.***

Acts 13:26-28 - *"Brothers, children of Abraham, and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent. 27 **The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize Jesus**, yet in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets that are **read every Sabbath.***

Rev 19:10 - *At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."*

- **Jesus' life and death demonstrated to us what it meant to bear a faithful witness to the message revealed by God.**

The Testimony of Jesus Is the Spirit of Prophecy

1. **The testimony about Jesus is the common substance of all prophecies or that the true spirit of prophecy always manifests itself in bearing witness to Jesus.**
2. **It could also mean that the witness or testimony that Jesus bore is the *essence* (spirit, heart or soul) of prophetic proclamation---the *principle* (standard, belief, or attitude) that dominates prophecy.**
 - **Holy Spirit is the one who inspires all prophecy.**

1 Peter 1:10-12 - *Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, 11 trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. 12 It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.*