

How God Speaks
God Speaks Through His Church – God communicates to us through other believers.

Ephesians 4:11-16, 25-29

- I. Ephesians 4:11-14 (God speaks thru spiritual leaders in the local church)**
A. The Holy Spirit baptizes or places every believer in the body of Christ or the true church. (vs. 11-14)
Ephesians 1:13; Romans 8:9; **1 Corinthians 12:12-13 (AMP)**
B. God speaks through spiritual leaders that He has assigned or chosen in the local church. (vs. 11-14) (*Beware of false spiritual leaders: Matt 7:15*)
1 Corinthians 12:28 (CEV); Mark 16:15-16; Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 17:10-11 (TLB)
- II. Ephesians 4:15-16 (Christians will speak the truth if we learn & obey it)**
A. Christians will be able to speak the truth to others if we grow in learning the truth. (vs 15-16)
2 Peter 3:18; 1 Peter 2:2; 2 Timothy 2:15; **Ezra 7:10 (AMP)**
B. Christians will be able to speak the truth to others if we continually strive to grow in our obedience to God's Word. (vs. 15-16)
John 8:31 (AMP); 2 Peter 1:5-8 (AMP); Ezra 7:10 (AMP)
- III. Ephesians 4:25-29 (Christians need one another & don't submit to Satan)**
A. As Christians, we must understand that we need one another. (vs. 25-29)
1 Corinthians 12:14-18 (AMP); Matthew 18:20 (NLV)
B. As Christians, we shouldn't submit to the ways of the devil or Satan but resist them. (vs. 25-29)
John 8:44 (TLB); James 4:7; Ephesians 6:10-13 (TLB)

Words of Encouragement:

**"10 For Ezra had set his heart (resolved) to study and interpret the Law of the Lord, and to practice it and teach His statutes and ordinances in Israel."
Ezra 7:10 (AMP)**

Next Lesson: God Speaks and We Respond – Psalm 119:30-40