

The Chicken or the Egg

Often, people look to the Bible hoping to understand God, Jesus, or to make sense of religion. They believe that reading the Bible will answer their questions and explain whatever it is they want to know. Only then do they think they can make an informed decision about God. It's normal for you to believe this as that is what everyone tells you. **That's not how it works.**

No one can understand the things of God without the Spirit of God, and the Bible is one of those "things". Reading the Bible and understanding what you read requires God's Spirit. You receive God's Spirit when you turn to God, deciding He has what you want and that you want what He offers. Many individuals mistakenly believe they must understand God, religion, the church, and Jesus, before they can approach God; a "look before you leap" concept. **It's just the opposite:** you will never understand or know anything until you have that relationship with God and receive His Spirit. With God's Spirit, you begin to grow spiritually, and then begin to know and understand God, the Bible, religion, Jesus, etc. Without the Spirit, it all seems like foolishness.

Fun Fact: That step of faith in approaching God is a requirement, but not like you think. Simply turning to God so you can get something is insincerity and doesn't work. The faith required is desire for God in your life. The Spirit and the knowledge is a result; a perk.

You can't understand anything before you have God's Spirit. God knows this and He accepts everyone just as they are, where they are. No experience necessary. The Important thing is for you to see your need for God in your life. It is a leap of faith; the faith of a child. Without faith, you cannot please God. So says the Bible.

For all of everyone's life, Satan has been brainwashing people with the things of this world, using religion and other people, even our very nature and desires against us. If you are confused, you are not alone and that is the norm. In this all-out war of Satan vs. God, we wind up with a bad case of shell shock, dazed and confused, not knowing up or down or where we are spiritually. In all the satanic mayhem, it is difficult to make a move for not knowing which way to go.

Not to worry as it is really simple. Be at peace. Turn to God. Ask Him for help: **God, Help Me!** It is really that simple. Decide to follow God and He will calm your fears and give you peace. You will receive His Spirit who will lead you in everything including a new and better you. God guaranties it. God will receive you and set your path aright. In a world where you do not know who to trust, you can always, absolutely, trust God.

So, in the question of the "chicken or the egg", first a person turns their life to God, then they can understand the things of God and the Bible.