

his mind to hear the eternal truths which make for everlasting life.

Such then is the way in which the Spirit acts; His message is the word of God, and His work is to apply this word to the consciences of those who either read it themselves or have it preached to them by others.

Thus we see clearly the way in which people are saved. There is first the Bible, the word of God, declaring the way in which alone God will justify sinners, namely, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; and secondly, there is the Holy Spirit to apply that word with saving efficacy to the heart of man. The WORD and the HOLY SPIRIT are therefore God's two great agents in the salvation of men. If the Holy Spirit were alone on earth without the word of God, He could not bear testimony to the truth concerning Jesus Christ; and if, on the other hand, the Bible were by itself on earth without the presence of the Spirit, no one would be saved, "for the natural man (that is, the unrenewed heart) receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are FOOLISHNESS unto him; and he CANNOT