

THE INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

TEXT: 1 Corinthians 6:18-20

INTRODUCTION:

- A. This has been a controversial subject; but we will hopefully shed light (from Word).
- B. All we know about any Bible subject is what the Bible says - 1 Peter 4:11
- C. Meaning of "Indwell" - *"to reside; to live in a place; to take up residence"*

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I. THE INDWELLING OF DEITY

A. GOD DWELLS IN THE CHRISTIAN

1. 2 Cor. 6:16,...as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people
2. EPH. 4:6, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.
3. Phil. 2:13, For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure
4. 1 John 4:4, Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world - **v. 12**, No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

THE CHRISTIAN DWELLS IN GOD

1. 1 John 4:13, Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.
2. 1 Jno. 4:15-16, Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

B. CHRIST DWELLS IN THE CHRISTIAN

1. John 17:23,26, I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me...And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it; that the love where with thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.
2. Rom. 8:10, And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.
3. 2 Cor. 13:5, Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?
4. Gal. 2:20, I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me
5. Eph. 3:17, That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith...
6. Col. 1:27, To whom god would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.
7. Col. 3:11, Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.

THE CHRISTIAN DWELLS IN CHRIST

1. **Jno. 6:56**, He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me and I in him
2. **John 15:4-7** (read)
3. **2 Cor. 5:17**, Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature:
4. **Gal. 3:27**, For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ
5. **Col. 2:6-7**, As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:
Rooted and built up in him and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught...

C. THE HOLY SPIRIT DWELLS IN THE CHRISTIAN

1. **Rom. 8:9**, But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.
2. **Rom. 8:11**, But if the Spirit of him who raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.
3. **1 Cor 3:16**, Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you
4. **1 Cor 6:19**, What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?
5. **Gal. 4:6**, And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.
6. **Eph. 3:16**, that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man.
7. **1 Thess. 4:8**, He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man~ but God, who bath also given unto us his holy Spirit.
8. **2 Tim. 1:14**, That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in you.

THE CHRISTIAN DWELLS IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

Gal.5:25, If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

II. THE MEANS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT INDWELLING

A. No Bible believer can doubt the *fact* of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

1. The Bible so states it: *the Father is IN the Christian, the Son is IN the Christian, and the Holy Spirit is IN the Christian.*
2. The question is HOW? *What is the way, means, method, mode of the Holy Spirit's indwelling?*

B. What the Bible teaches:

1. **Gal. 3:2**, This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirits the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

(cf. Rom. 10:17)

2. Note these parallel passages:

Eph. 5:18-19

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess;
but be filled with the Spirit;
Speaking to yourselves in psalms and
hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making
melody in your hearts to the Lord

Col. 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in your richly
in all wisdom;
teaching and admonishing one another in
psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord

C. Not literally, bodily, personally, but through the Word of God the Spirit dwells!

1. **Rom. 8:2**, For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.
 2. **John 9**, Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. he that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. -
 3. **Rev. 2:1**, Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus, write...
- v. **29**, He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

D. To be led by the Spirit (**Rom. 8:14**) is to take heed to His Word (**Psa. 119:105**); to be strengthened by the Spirit (**Ephesians 3:16**) is to be strengthened by His Word (**Acts 20:32**; **Col. 2:7**).

III. THE EVIDENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT'S INDWELLING

A. The Bible says so!

1. **Eph. 2:22** - the church is "an habitation of God through the Spirit"
2. **Eph. 3:17**. Christ dwells in our hearts by faith (cf. **Rom. 10:17**)

B. The evidence of a godly life!

1. **Galatians 5:25**

2. **2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1**

CONCLUSION:

- A. The Holy Spirit is the messenger of the revelation of God to man.
- B. Take heed to God's Word!