

THE INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

I. INTRODUCTION.

- A. Having Studied The Holy Spirit And The Gifts He Gives, We Are Better Prepared To Study *The Indwelling Of The Holy Spirit*.
- B. When Thinking Of The Holy Spirit, Always Determine The Difference Between The Holy Spirit Himself As A Gift, And The Gifts That He Gives.
 1. The Holy Spirit as a gift. (*Acts 2:38*)
 2. The gifts that He gives. (*1 Cor. 12:4-11*)
(*Note esp. ver. 11*)
- C. The Holy Spirit And The Christian.
 1. The relationship of the individual Christian to the Holy Spirit of God is both a grand and prominent theme of the New Testament.
 2. Many passages reveal to us a very personal relationship between God's children and God's Spirit.
 3. The Holy Spirit has, since the creation, been concerned and actively involved with the people of God.
 - a. In the Old Testament He strengthened them; led them; empowered them; but now He is to be with them (God's people) in a special way.
 - b. Jesus well said, "He abideth with you, and shall be in you." (*John 14:17*)
 4. To understand this subject is to be motivated to a more Godly way of life - "God in you." The faith that the Christian has in the literal presence of the Holy Spirit within him is one of the greatest incentives to Godly living that we possess. (*1 Cor. 6:19-20*) (*Note the context*)

D. Two Basic Concepts In Our Brotherhood Of This Great Subject:

1. The Holy Spirit dwells in the Christian through the medium of the Word of God.
2. The Holy Spirit dwells in the Christian, not through a medium, but is, Himself, actually resident in the body of the Christian.

NOTE: This issue should not be a cause of division among Christians. Both positions believe that the Holy Spirit leads and guides and saves through the power of the Word of Truth, the revelation of His Mind - the Bible.

II. AIM.

- A. To Present The Biblical Teaching Of The Indwelling Holy Spirit In God's People.
- B. To Motivate Each Christian To Live A Life Of Godliness And Purity Indicative Of A "Temple of God."

III. OUTLINE.

- A. THE INDWELLING OF GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT IS THE FULFILLMENT OF A PROMISE. (*Gal. 3:14; Acts 2:33*)
 1. In the Old Testament, God had promised a new relationship between His people and the Holy Spirit. (*Ezek. 36:27; 37:14; 39:29; Isa. 44:3; Joel 2:28*)
 2. Compare these promises from Jesus. (*John 7:38-39; 14:16-17*)

NOTE: "Were to receive..." and "shall be..."
Not accomplished yet - future tense.

- B. THE INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: WHAT AND WHERE?
 1. What? The word *dwelt* defined.
 - a. οἰκέω - "To inhabit, hold as one's abode, to house." (*Rom. 8:11*)

- b. κατοικέω - "To settle down in a fixed dwelling; to dwell fixedly in a place." (*James 4:5*)
 - c. Habitation of God. (*Eph. 2:22*)
 - 2. Where? The place where the Holy Spirit dwells.
 - a. "Within you." (*Ezek. 36:27; John 14:16-17*)
 - b. "In the body." (*1 Cor. 6:19*)
 - c. "In the heart." (*Gal. 4:6*)
 - d. "In the belly." (*John 7:38-39*)
- C. THE INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, HOW IS IT PROVIDED?
 - 1. It is received at baptism. (*Acts 2:38*)
 - 2. It comes by faith. (*Gal. 3:2*) (*Cf. How faith comes Rom. 10:17*)
 - 3. It comes by obedience. (*Acts 5:32*)
 - 4. It comes because we are sons of God. (*Gal. 4:6*)
 - 5. It comes as a gift from God. (*1 Thess. 4:8*)
- D. THE INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS A MULTI-PURPOSE.
 - 1. He represents the dwelling of Deity within us. (*1 John 4:12-15; Eph. 2:22*). The Holy Spirit is called:
 - a. "Holy Spirit." (*Eph. 4:30*)
 - b. "Spirit of God." (*Rom. 8:9a*)
 - c. "Spirit of Christ." (*Rom. 8:9b*)
 - 2. He is a proof of our sonship. (*Gal. 4:6 cf. Rom. 8:9; 2 Cor. 13:14*)
 - 3. He is a seal unto salvation. (*Eph. 1:13; 2 Cor. 1:21-22*). A seal makes a thing official, proves ownership, authenticates and provides security.

4. He is an earnest of our inheritance. (*Eph.* 1:14; *2 Cor.* 1:21-22)
 - a. Earnest - Greek, ἀρραβών (ARRABON). It is a deposit or a pledge which guarantees full payment at a later date based upon all conditions of the contract being fulfilled. (*cf. Rom.* 8:14-17, 23)
 - b. Paul's confidence in God's pledge. (*2 Tim.* 1:12) What God has promised He will accomplish.
5. He is a motivation to Godly living.
 - a. We are to live Godly. (*Titus* 2:11-12)
 - b. *1 Cor.* 6:19 - The word translated "temple" means the "holy of holies" not the entire temple. Our body is made a "holy place" by God's Spirit.
 - c. Be ye holy even as He who called you is holy. (*1 Pet.* 1:15)
 - d. *2 Cor.* 6:14 - 7:1 - Study carefully - "We are a temple of God..." *ver.* 16 - Therefore - 7:1 - cleanse and perfect. (*Cf. Jude* 19)

E. THE INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS PROVEN BY:

1. Obedience to the gospel. (*Acts* 2:38; 5:32)
2. Faith in the Word of God which teaches it. (*Rom.* 10:17)
3. The experience of steadfastness and endurance. (*Rom.* 5:3-5)
4. The fruit of the Spirit produced in our life. (*Gal.* 5:22-24; *Eph.* 5:15-20)

IV. CONCLUSION.

A. To Be Without The Indwelling Holy Spirit:

1. One has not received what God has promised. (*Gal.* 3:14)
2. One is without God or Christ abiding within. (*Eph.* 2:22)

3. One is without a great motivating power.
(1 Cor. 6:19)
 4. One is without a source of spiritual strength.
(Eph. 3:16)
 5. One does not belong to Christ. (Rom. 8:9)
 6. One does not have the earnest of eternal inheritance. (Eph. 1:13-14)
 7. One will not be raised unto eternal joy.
(Rom. 8:10-11)
- B. Alexander Campbell In His Book Of Acts Translated "Holy Ghost" - "Holy Guest." This Was The Idea Of Ghost In The 17th Century, "Guest Or Visitant." If We Believe The Holy Spirit Is The Holy Guest In Our Bodies, We Will Find It Much Easier To Present Our Bodies, Hearts And Lives Unto God As A Living Sacrifice.
- C. Summary Thoughts - In One Lesson Of Forty-Five Minutes It Is Impossible To Answer Every Question On This Subject. Even In Forty-Five Years We Would Still Have More Inquiry. (Rom. 11:33) However, The Bible Clearly Presents The Indisputable Fact That The Holy Spirit Dwells In The Son/Daughter Of God; In What Manner We May Question, But Study And Assure Your Own Heart And Claim, By Faith In God's Word, This Great Promise: God Is With Us And God Is In Us!