

The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit

I. Introduction:

A. I thank you for inviting me and giving me the opportunity to present my understanding and conviction concerning the Bible subject of the” Indwelling of the Holy Spirit.”

B. After the author or speaker has strenuously avowed their belief in the indwelling spirit of God, most of the articles, outlines, sermons, and discussions I have read or heard involve incessant “qualifications” and “explanations” designed to explain why the Holy Spirit does NOT actually dwell in the body of the Christian.

C. I admit that I take a simplistic and literal approach to this subject.

1. I believe that the actual Holy Spirit dwells in the body of the redeemed believer.

a) (1 Corinthians 6:19-20 ASV)

2. I believe that the indwelling of the Holy Spirit is the gift of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2:38.

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3. It seems to me that the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in the body of the Christian is taught as plainly as any other truth found in the Scriptures.

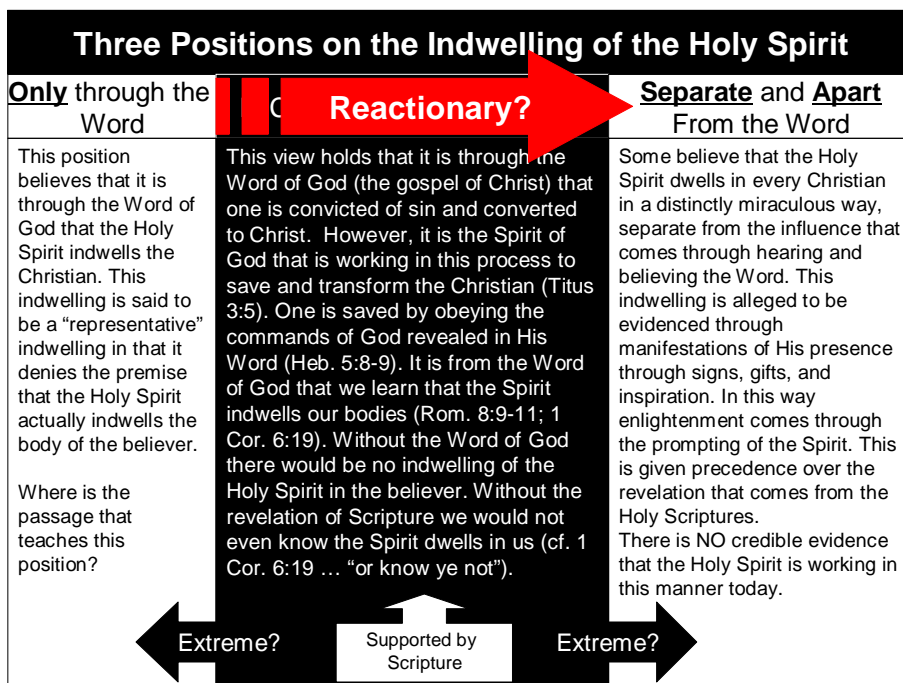
a) This indwelling is not to be understood in any miraculous or mysterious sense. The recipients of the indwelling gift of the Holy Spirit do not receive any miraculous abilities.

4. I believe this is an important subject. I believe my conclusions are what the Scriptures teach and that it is part of the whole counsel of God. I believe the rewards, comforts, and benefits of such an indwelling are enormous.

D. It is not my intent to try to answer every objection to the position I take.. Time will not permit, nor do I deem it profitable to this occasion. I am open to discussion.

1. However, I do wish to dispel, right from the beginning, one misunderstanding that is frequently attributed to my belief -- That the Holy Spirit dwells in us *separate and apart from the word* in some

mysterious way.



I believe # 1 is reactionary to # 3

E. Richardson wrote – “The vain and ignorant enthusiast who prays for a baptism in fire, and hopes for dreams and visions, and sensible signs and wonders, as attendant upon the impartation of the Spirit, is not a whit farther from the truth, than the errorist who affirms that miracles were a necessary and invariable accompaniment of the Spirit’s presence, and that because such demonstrations are not now given, therefore no Holy Spirit whatever is now received, and Christ’s promise to be with his people to the end of the world has totally failed.”¹

F. I will try, to the best of my abilities, to present my understanding with clarity and conciseness.

1. My simplistic approach is to ask common questions standard to diligent Bible study:

- a) Who / What?
- b) When?
- c) Where & How?
- d) Why?

¹ Robert Richardson quoted in New Testament History – Acts, Gareth L. Reese , page 98

II. Who / What ?

A. *The Holy Spirit of God!*

1. I do not believe this is disputed.
2. I will not take the time to develop the divine nature of the Holy Spirit. I assume it is accepted by this audience.

B. *The Holy Spirit was promised in a different sense / way than He worked in Old Testament times.*

1. (Isaiah 44:3 ASV) **For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and streams upon the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring:**
2. (Ezekiel 36:26-27 ASV) **A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. {27} And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep mine ordinances, and do them.**
3. (Ezekiel 37:14 ASV) **And I will put my Spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I will place you in your own land: and ye shall know that I, Jehovah, have spoken it and performed it, saith Jehovah.**
4. (John 14:15-18 ASV) **If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments. {16} And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may be with you for ever, {17} even the Spirit of truth: whom the world cannot receive; for it beholdeth him not, neither knoweth him: ye know him; for he abideth with you, and shall be in you. {18} I will not leave you desolate: I come unto you.**
5. (John 7:37-39 ASV) **Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink. {38} He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, from within him shall flow rivers of living water. {39} But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believed on him were to receive: for the Spirit was not yet given; because Jesus was not yet glorified.**

C. *This promise was not limited to revelation of truth ... truth was revealed through prophecy in Old Testament times.. It was not miraculous confirmation of truth ... that was often true then as well. It was not miraculous abilities ... the apostles had such in the limited commission, etc.*

1. They were prophecies of a special and different (than ever before) gift of the Holy Spirit that was to be given after the glorification (resurrection) of Jesus Christ that is expressed as being “within” ;

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“in” and to “abide with and be in you.”

D. The promise is of the Holy Spirit Himself, not of the word ... while the word is the “sword of the Spirit” (Ephesians 6:17) and is certainly the mediate by which the sinner is convicted and converted, the word is not the Spirit, nor is the Spirit the word!

1. All the attempts to concoct parallel charts demonstrating the similarities of the work and accomplishments of the word and Spirit will not change this fact!

“Whatever the Holy Spirit Does ...

<u>The Holy Spirit</u>	<u>Operation</u>
- Nehemiah 9:30	- Instructs
- John 14:26	- Teaches
- John 16:8	- Convicts
- John 3:5	- Gives new birth
- John 6:63	- Revives
- John 16:13	- Guides
- 1 Cor. 6:11; Rom. 15:16	- Sanctifies
- 1 Cor. 6:11	- Saves
- 1 Cor. 6:11	- Washes/Comforts
- Acts 9:31	- Witnesses
- Rom. 8:16	- Perfects love
- Rom. 5:5	- Fills
- Eph 5:18	- Calls
- Rev. 22:17	- Builds up
- Eph. 3:16	- Makes free
- 2 Cor. 3:17	- Rejoices the heart
- Psalms 104:30	- Creates

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The Word Does” ...

<u>The Word</u>	<u>Operation</u>
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17	- Instructs
- John 6:45	- Teaches
- Titus 1:9	- Convicts
- James 1:18; 1 Pet. 1:23	- Gives new birth
- Psa. 119:50	- Revives
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17	- Guides
- 2 Thess. 2:13; Jon.17:17	- Sanctifies
- James 1:21	- Saves
- Eph. 5:26 / 1 Thess. 4:18	- Washes/Comforts
- John 5:39	- Witnesses
- 1 John 2:5	- Perfects love
- Col. 3:16	- Fills
- 2 Thess. 2:14 / Eph. 1:13	- Calls
- Acts 20:32	- Builds up
- John 8:32	- Makes free
- Psalms 119:111	- Rejoices the heart
- Hebrews 11:3	- Creates

The real question might better be, “Would we *expect* the inspired Word to operate separate and apart from the Holy Spirit?”

Not to assume that the Spirit cannot operate independent from the Word.

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2. If there is even one thing that is done by the Spirit that is not accomplished by the word, the premise of these kinds of charts (that whatever the Holy Spirit does the word does, equating the word and the Spirit) is void! We will return to this idea a bit later.

3. Consider these passages (Who):

a) (Acts 2:38 ASV) And Peter *said* unto them, Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

b) (Acts 5:32 ASV) And we are witnesses of these things; and *so is* the Holy Spirit, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

c) (Ephesians 1:13 ASV) in whom ye also, having heard the word of the truth, the gospel of your salvation,-- in whom, having also believed, ye were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

(1) *These three are parallel passages (contain the same elements) – hear word, obey, receive Holy Spirit.*

(2) *Ephesians 1:13 – 1. heard the word of truth, 2. believed (obeyed), sealed with Holy Spirit.*

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d) (2 Timothy 1:13-14 ASV) Hold the pattern of sound words which thou hast heard from me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. {14} That good thing which was committed unto thee guard through the Holy Spirit which dwelleth in us.

How do we know?

e) (1 John 3:24 ASV) And he that keepeth his commandments abideth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he gave us.

III. When?

A. Upon obedience to the gospel and redemption from sin. This is accomplished at baptism.

1. Acts 2:38 (above)
2. Acts 5:32 (above)
3. Ephesians 1:13

IV. Where does the Holy Spirit Dwell?

A. The answer of Scripture is that the Spirit dwells in our human bodies, making them His home -- "in the body." The redeemed body of the Christian is portrayed as the temple or habitation of God the Holy Spirit.

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Promised

Isaiah 44:3
Ezekiel 36:26-27
Ezekiel 37:14
John 14:15-18
John 7:37-39

This promise is complex... it was made first by the prophets in the Old Testament, then by Jesus Himself... and was fulfilled in the coming of the church of Christ. The promise has several different elements to it. There was the personal, individual... universal promise of the Spirit of God being given to each believer (an indwelling). There were also miraculous elements (cf. Joel 2, Acts 2). Many times the outward manifestations of the Holy Spirit will be confused with the internal, unseen indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Great caution should be taken NOT to confuse the two.

Associated – with Baptism

Acts 2:38
Acts 5:32
Acts 19:2

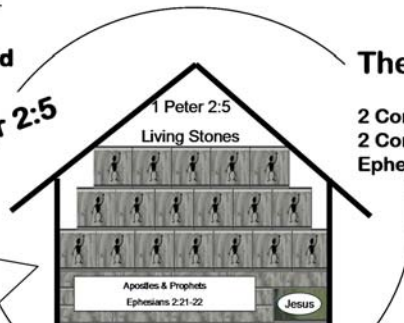
The gift of the Holy Spirit received by every Christian when they are baptized into Christ is NOT a "baptism" in or with the Holy Spirit. It is not an out-pouring of the Holy Spirit that enables one to do miracles. It is simply an indwelling wherein God gives the Christian this gift to seal the believer against the Day of Judgment.

Our Body – habitation of God

Individually:
1 Corinthians 6:13-20
Romans 8:9-11
1 John 4:4; 3:24
2 Timothy 1:13-14
Galatians 4:6

Collectively:
1 Corinthians 3:16-17
Ephesians 2:19-22

1 Peter 2:5



The Earnest of our inheritance

2 Corinthians 1:21-22
2 Corinthians 5:5
Ephesians 1:13-14

Our eternal inheritance is to be forever together with God in heaven – 1 Peter 1:3-5, John 14:2-3. There we will be "with God". Our down payment on this inheritance is the Holy Spirit Whom is given to every Christian – John 7:39; Acts 5:32; 19:2; Romans 5:4; 1 Thessalonians 4:8; 1 John 4:4

Romans 8:26-27

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B. In the physical body of the Christian.

1. (Romans 8:9-11 ASV) But ye are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you. But if any man hath not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. {10} And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the spirit is life because of righteousness. {11} But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwelleth in you, he that raised up Christ Jesus from the dead shall give life also to your mortal bodies through his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

2. (1 John 3:24 ASV) And he that keepeth his commandments abideth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he gave us.

3. (2 Timothy 1:13-14 ASV) Hold the pattern of sound words which thou hast heard from me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. {14} That good thing which was committed unto *thee* guard through the Holy Spirit which dwelleth in us.

4. (1 Corinthians 6:13-20 ASV) Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall bring to nought both it and them. But the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body: {14} and God both raised the Lord, and will raise up as through his power. {15} Know ye not that your bodies are members of Christ? shall I then take away the members of Christ, and make them members of a harlot? God forbid. {16} Or know ye not that he that is joined to a harlot is one body? for, The twain, saith he, shall become one flesh. {17} But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. {18} Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. {19} Or **know ye not that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have from God? and ye are not your own; {20} for ye were bought with a price: glorify God therefore in your body.**

1 Corinthians 6

Where does the Holy Spirit dwell?

15. Know ye not that **your bodies** are members of Christ? shall I then take away the members of Christ, and make them members of a harlot? God forbid.

16. Or know ye not that he that is joined to a harlot is **one body**? for, The twain, saith he, shall become **one flesh**.

17. But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

18. Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without **the body**; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his **own body**.

19. Or know ye not that **your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you**, which ye have from God? and ye are not your own;

20. for ye were bought with a price: glorify God therefore in **your body**.



Questions concerning text of 1 Corinthians 6:

In this context, what activity is the apostle seeking to stop?

Fornication

In Verse 13 Paul says, “the body is not for fornication.”

Whose body is under consideration? **Your bodies (that of the Christian) – vs. 13, 15**

Is this a “physical” or a “figurative” body? **Physical**

What does verse 19 say the Holy Spirit is “in”? **“your body”**

What argument does Paul make to convince us that we should not commit fornication with our bodies? **“your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you.” – vs. 19**

Note: To change “body” from its normal meaning (physical) to anything else is to do an injustice to the passage. There is no justification for such a change in meaning.

C. Collectively ... in the church.

1. (1 Peter 2:5 ASV) ye also, as living stones, are built up a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

2. (1 Corinthians 3:16-17 ASV) **Know ye not** that ye are a temple of

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God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? {17} If any man destroyeth the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, and such are ye.

3. (Ephesians 2:19-22 ASV) So then ye are no more strangers and sojourners, but ye are fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God, {20} being built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the chief corner stone; {21} in whom each several building, fitly framed together, groweth into a holy temple in the Lord; {22} in whom ye also are built together for a habitation of God in the Spirit. (through the Spirit – KJV)

D. Addressing a point of view:

1. There are those who advance an argument that says “*If we find out how the Father and Son dwell in us, then we will know how the Holy Spirit dwells in us.*” Furthermore, they assert, “*God is in heaven, Christ is in heaven, therefore the Holy Spirit must be in heaven.*” If in heaven, then He cannot be dwelling literally or actually in the body of Christians.”

a) Once having “established” this ... they assert “Christ dwells in our heart through faith” and “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly” are parallel passages (Ephesians 3:17; Colossians 3:16) – asserting that this “proves” that since faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God, that Christ dwells in us representative through the word that dwells in us richly and by extension, the Holy Spirit dwells in us representatively through the word (not literally, but only representatively through the word).

(1) I agree that Christ dwells in our hearts by faith ... how else would He be there? Could He be there without faith?

(2) However, just because we learn one means by which Christ dwells in our hearts does not negate all other information that we learn in other passages. We must assimilate all the information in discovering truth. Knowing that we are saved by faith does not negate other elements of our salvation – i.e. grace, repentance, baptism, etc. The denominational “arguments” excluding all other passages except passages like John 3:16 (belief) and Ephesians 2:8-9 (grace & faith) to prove that no other action is necessary, are invalid for the same reason.

2. I believe that once we discover how the Holy Spirit dwells in us, then we will know how God and Christ dwell in us (**the reverse of the common premise**).

3. The Bible reveals to us where God dwells:

a) The Father is in heaven.

(1) (Matthew 6:9 ASV) After this manner therefore pray ye. Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

b) The Son has returned to heaven.

(1) (Luke 24:51 ASV) And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven.

c) So, where is the Holy Spirit?

(1) Here is what Jesus prophesied to His disciples:

(a) (John 15:26 ASV) But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall bear witness of me:

(b) (John 16:7 ASV) Nevertheless I tell you the truth: It is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I go, I will send him unto you.

*(c) (John 16:13 ASV) Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he shall guide you into all the truth: for he shall not speak from himself; but what things soever he shall hear, *these* shall he speak: and he shall declare unto you the things that are to come.*

(d) (John 14:16-18 ASV) And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may be with you for ever, {17} even the Spirit of truth: whom the world cannot receive; for it beholdeth him not, neither knoweth him: ye know him; for he abideth with you, and shall be in you. {18} I will not leave you desolate: I come unto you.

(e) (John 14:23-24 ASV) Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my word: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. {24} He that loveth me not keepeth not my words: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's who sent me.

(i) The way Christ and the Father “came” and make their abode? Through the Spirit – cf. above John 14:17-18.

(f) (John 7:37-39 ASV) Now on the last day, the great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink. {38} He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, from within him shall flow rivers of living water. {39} But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believed on him were to receive: for the Spirit was not yet given; because Jesus was not yet glorified.

(2) *Some have suggested that the Holy Spirit is “back in heaven.”*

(a) What passage of Scripture teaches such?

(b) If so, it will be revealed in Scripture.

(i) Some may refer to John 5:7, but to bear witness does not require necessarily location, and if it does, see verse 8 and then Romans 8:16 – when the Spirit bears witness with our spirit, then it must be where our spirit is!

(c) **Lacking a scripture that says that the Holy Spirit has returned to heaven, I accept what IS revealed in the New Testament: *The Holy Spirit dwells here ... in the church, in Christians.*(does not deny omnipresence of the Holy Spirit).**

4. Now we will address the question: How does God (the Holy Spirit) dwell in the church, in us? Do God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit dwell in us?

a) Yes, both the Father and the Son dwell in us in a representative way – through the Holy Spirit!

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(1) (1 John 3:24 ASV) And he that keepeth his commandments abideth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he gave us.

(2) (Ephesians 3:17 ASV) that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; to the end that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

(3) (1 John 4:12-16 ASV) No man hath beheld God at any time: if we love one another, God abideth in us, and his love is perfected in us: {13} hereby we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. {14} And we have beheld and bear witness that the Father hath sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. {15} Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God abideth in him, and he in God. {16} And we know and have believed the love which God hath in us. God is love; and he that abideth in love abideth in God, and God abideth in him.

(a) BTW ... These passages are concerned with relationship, not location.

(4) (Colossians 1:27 ASV) to whom God was pleased to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

(a) again, relationship, not location.

(5) (Galatians 2:20 ASV) I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I that live, but Christ living in me: and that life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith which is in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself up for me.

(6) (Ephesians 2:20-22 ASV) being built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the chief corner stone; {21} in whom each several building, fitly framed together, groweth into a holy temple in the Lord; {22} in whom ye also are builded together for a habitation of God in the Spirit.

(a) Location, not relationship?

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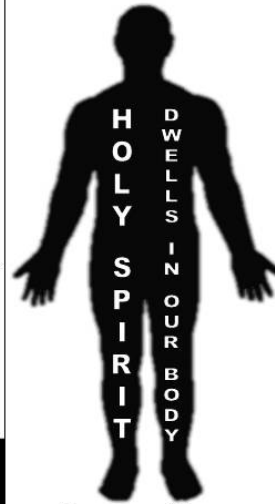
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**Father
Son**

Relationship

1 John 4:12-13

**Abide in the Christian
Through the Holy Spirit**



Location

Romans 8:9-11

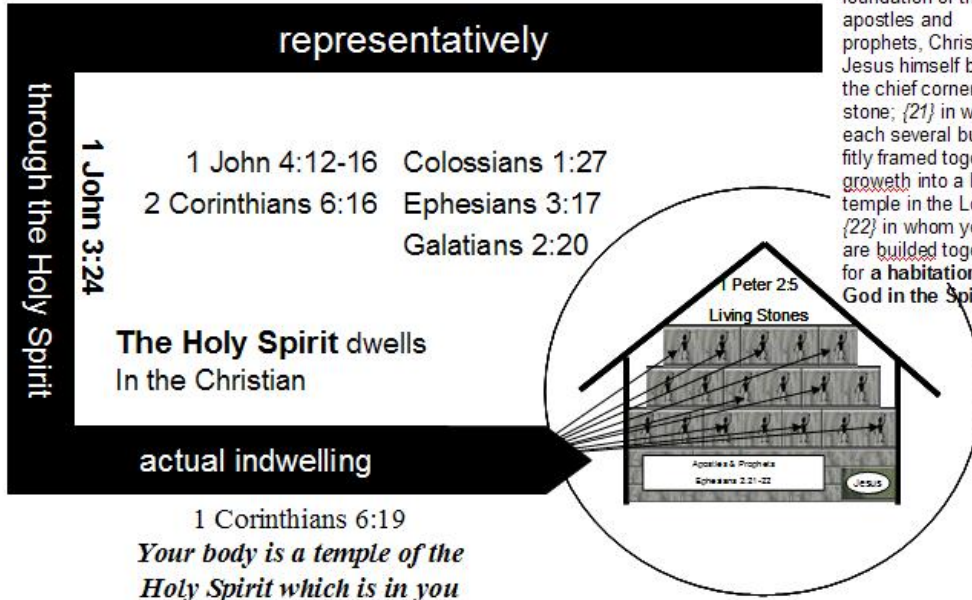
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How God Dwells In His Church

God dwells in the Christian **Christ** dwells in the Christian

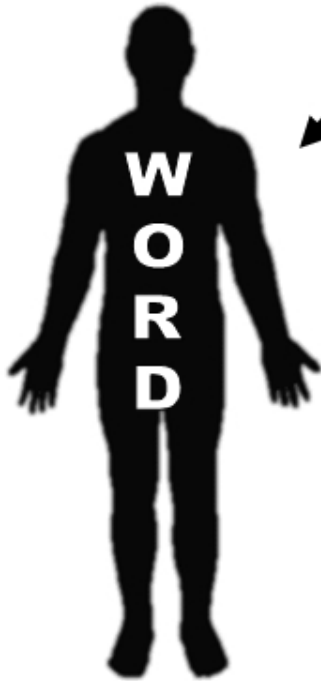
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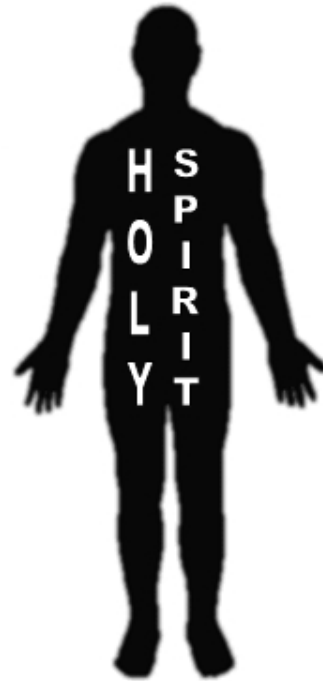
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Passage

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God (Father & Son)
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- 1 John 3:24
- Ephesians 2:19-22
- 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
- Romans 8:9-11
- 1 John 4:4

Why / Purpose?

E. To give spiritual power to the servants of God.

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1. (Ephesians 3:16-19 ASV) that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, that ye may be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inward man; {17} that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; to the end that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, {18} may be strong to apprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, {19} and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye may be filled unto all the fulness of God.

a) Note: this is not a reference to a miraculous manifestation.

F. To encourage pureness and holiness.

1. (1 Corinthians 3:16-17 ASV) Know ye not that ye are a temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? {17} If any man destroyeth the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, and such are ye.

2. (1 Corinthians 6:18-20 ASV) Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. {19} Or know ye not that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have from God? and ye are not your own; {20} for ye were bought with a price: glorify God therefore in your body.

a) God will not dwell in an unholy or defiled temple – the onus is upon us to keep His dwelling place pure and holy!

V. Results?

A. Seals us, and the earnest of the Spirit becomes our guarantee unto the redemption of God's own possession.

1. (2 Corinthians 1:22 ASV) who also sealed us, and gave us the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

2. (2 Corinthians 5:5 ASV) Now he that wrought us for this very thing is God, who gave unto us the earnest of the Spirit.

3. (Ephesians 1:13-14 ASV) in whom ye also, having heard the word of the truth, the gospel of your salvation,-- in whom, having also believed, ye [then – nkjv] were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, {14} which [Whom – nkjv] is an earnest of our inheritance, unto the redemption of *God's* own possession, unto the praise of his glory.

a) Remember progression: heard the word, believed, then sealed.

4. The Holy Spirit is our down payment on heaven. God has sealed us with the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of God is our guarantee that we will one day be with God in heaven. What better way to guarantee that we will be with God than to give the Spirit to us to show that God is serious about bringing us to glory?

a) What is our inheritance? Eternal salvation? A home in heaven? A resurrected body that will never die? Being in the presence of God for eternity? All this and more!

b) What kind of down payment has God made on this promise? The Holy Spirit as an earnest!

c) No, the seal is *not* some brand of “HS” on the forehead, or a halo about the head like some have facetiously denigrated, but is a recognition by the Father of those that are His – this I accept by faith because He has revealed it in His word.

B. Helps us pray – becomes Intercessor.

1. (Romans 8:26-27 ASV) And in like manner the Spirit also helpeth our infirmity: for we know not how to pray as we ought; but the Spirit himself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered; {27} and he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

a) Some might object that the Holy Spirit need not dwell in us to accomplish this, but there is no reason not to accept this as a benefit of His indwelling as referred to in context (Romans 8: 9, 11).

b) Remember our charts (reshow) about whatever the Spirit does, the word does?

(1) Here are three things mentioned – seal, earnest, and intercessor in prayer – that the Spirit does that are things not accomplished by the word. The premise of those charts is voided.

C. Life giver.

1. (Romans 8:11 ASV) But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwelleth in you, he that raised up Christ Jesus from the dead shall give life also to your mortal bodies through his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

2. (Romans 8:23 ASV) And not only so, but ourselves also, who have the first-fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for our adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

Last Spirit/Word charts here

a) He is the guarantee of our resurrection and permanent adoption as children of God.

Remember the premise was
“Whatever the Holy Spirit Does ...

The Holy Spirit

Operation

– 2 Corinthians 1:22

– Seals

– 2 Corinthians 5:5

– Becomes the
“earnest” of our
inheritance

– Romans 8:26-27

– Aids our prayers,
makes intercession for
us.

... the Word Does”

<u>The Word</u>	<u>Operation</u>
– Passage ???	– Seals.
– Passage ???	– Becomes the “earnest” of our inheritance.
– Passage ???	– Aids our prayers, makes intercession for us.

VI. Assurance of Indwelling Gift?

A. *How can one know that he has the indwelling gift of the Holy Spirit?*

1. **If he has been obedient to the conditions of the new covenant (cf. Acts 2:38; Acts 5:32) then he is assured, as sure as the word of God ... that he has obtained such gift.**
2. **Just as sure as he knows that his sins have been forgiven ... “as God for Christ’s sake has forgiven...”**
3. **How do you know that YOUR spirit dwells in you? Only by faith in what God has told you. Same is true with indwelling.**

VII. Conclusion:

A. *Not exhaustive.*

B. *Is the discussion of “only through the word” and “actual indwelling” a matter that should become a question of fellowship among brethren?*

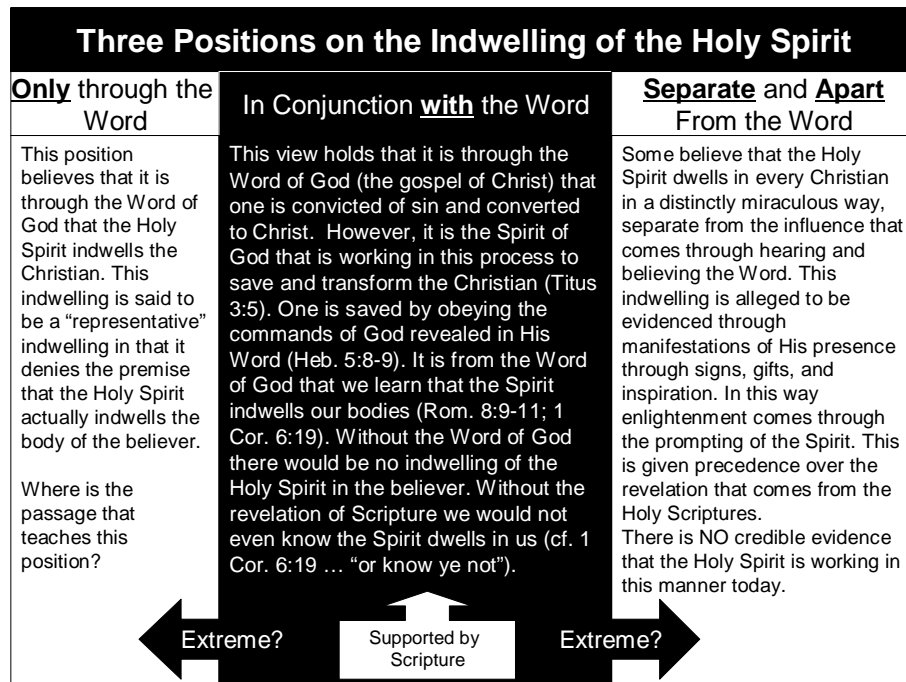
1. **No!**

a) **Note: If one took a “separate and apart, miraculous manifestation, miraculous enlightenment, inspired” view, then I’d say yes ... such error should not be tolerated.**

2. Because I believe there are glorious benefits and encouragements intended by God’s revelation of this marvelous indwelling, and try to convey this information to my brethren, does not mean that I must sever fellowship with those who do not reach the same conclusions – or view them as false teachers and heretics. No man has the right to insist, over my own spirit and demeanor --that I must make it such a test of fellowship. This does not make the subject any less important to try and understand.

3. There is evidence in scripture that not all Christians understood the fact or implication of the indwelling in the first century – Acts 19; 1 Corinthians 3, 6, etc.

4. I do NOT seek to rupture fellowship over this matter ... I simply try to the best of my ability to explain why I believe what I believe. If you disagree, I will not mistreat you. I will welcome brotherly discussion and exchange. Those who make this a test of fellowship should be rebuked for their divisive spirit. Let us continue to study and discuss and pray to come to one mind and spirit on the matter.



C. Glory be to God for such an amazing gift!

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1. What an awesome responsibility! - Be Holy so the dwelling place of God will be pure and holy – and He will not be “quenched.”

2. What Grace!

3. What confidence!

4. What comfort.

5. Thanks be to God!

6. (Romans 8:9-11 ASV) But ye are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you. But if any man hath not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. {10} And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the spirit is life because of righteousness. {11} But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwelleth in you, he that raised up Christ Jesus from the dead shall give life also to your mortal bodies through his Spirit that dwelleth in you.