

THE INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Text: 1 Corinthians 6:19

INTRO: Our subject has been the object of much concern within and without the body of Christ. It could be one of the most difficult subjects we might study--or again, possibly among the easiest, depending on **how** we approach it.

A. A proper understanding of the indwelling of the H.S. can be found **only** in a study of the indwelling of Deity as a whole.

B. We need to be reminded of the Apostolic office in the 1st century & take note that **all** the apostles were Christians & subject to the general principles of indwelling, but not all Christians are apostles, thus not subject to the special impartation of the Spirit & power given to the apostles & prophets. 2 Cor. 12:12.

I. SOME PASSAGES THAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN A STUDY OF THE INDWELLING OF DEITY IN, WITH, OR AMONG MEN.

A. The indwelling of the H.S. in the Christian.

But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. (Rom. 8:9).

But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies by His Spirit who dwells in you. (Rom. 8:11).

Do you not know that you are the temple of God & that the Spirit of God dwells in you? (1 Cor. 3:16).

Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, & you are not your own? (1 Cor. 6:19).

And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"

(Gal. 4:6).

B. Christ dwells in the Christian.

Behold, I stand at the door & knock. If anyone hears My voice & opens the door, I will come in to him & dine with him, & he with Me. (Rev. 3:20).

He who eats My flesh & drinks My blood dwells in Me and I in him. (John 6:56).

If Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness (Rom 8:10).

C. God the Father dwells in the Christian.

Jesus answered & said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; & My Father will love him, & We will come to him & make Our abode with him (JN14:23

And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said, "I will dwell in them & walk among them. I will be their God & they shall be My people" (2 Cor. 6:16).

No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another God dwells in us & His love has been perfected in us. (1 John 4:12).

II. THAT THESE PASSAGES DESCRIBE A SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP & NOT SOME PHYSICAL PRESENCE, IS OBVIOUS WHEN WE SEE THAT THE CHRISTIAN DWELLS IN DEITY AT THE SAME TIME & UNDER THE SAME CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH DEITY DWELLS IN HIM.

A. The Christian dwells in God the Father.

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwells in him, & he in God. And we have known & believed the love that God has for us. God is love & he who dwells in love dwells in God, & God in him. (1 John 5:15-16).

B. The Christian dwells in the Holy Spirit.

But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you... (Rom. 8:9).

C. The Christian dwells in Christ.

Abide in Me & I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. (John 15:4).

He who eats My flesh & drinks My blood dwells in Me & I in him. (John 6:56).

III. THE INDWELLING OF DEITY IN MAN BEGINS WHEN A MAN OBEYS THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST.

READ ACTS 2:36-41

A. Scriptural NT baptism is the consummating act that puts man into Deity. Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:26-27.

baptized into 1 body, drink into 1 Spirit (1 Cor 12:13)

B. Therefore, it is in obeying the command of water baptism that Deity comes to make an abode with man, Acts 2:38

IV. TO BE IN CHRIST, GOD & THE H.S.--AND FOR GOD, CHRIST & THE H.S. IN US, IS JUST ANOTHER OF MANY WAYS OF EXPRESSING THE **FELLOWSHIP** THAT EXISTS WHEN WE "WALK IN THE LIGHT AS HE IS IN THE LIGHT." (1 John 1:7).

READ 2 CORINTHIANS 6:14-18. Not different relationships, but the same relationship differently expressed.

I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me thru their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, & I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You have sent Me.
(Jn 17:20-21)

V. DEITY DWELLS IN US TO THE EXTENT THAT THE

TRUTH OF GOD IS IN US.

Eph. 5:18-19; Col. 3:16.

If you continue in My word, then you are My disciples indeed.
And you shall know the truth... (John 8:31-32).

- A. This involves more than intellectual knowledge--it concerns a response to the truth of God.

Therefore let that abide in you which you have heard from the beginning. If what you have heard from the beginning abides in you, you will also abide in the Son & in the Father. (1 John 2:24).

- B. This oneness or indwelling begins with God's love reaching out to us, John 3:16. But it is fully realized only when the free will of man submits to God's calling, so that our 2 spirits bear witness together.

READ ROM. 8:14-16.

- C. This indwelling prepares us for the ultimate heavenly dwelling with God eternally.

And I heard a loud voice out of heaven saying,
"Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He shall dwell with them & they shall be His people, & God Himself shall be with them & be their God.
(Rev. 21:3).

- D. Only those who come into Christ & abide in the doctrine of Christ have the gift of the H.S. in this life & the promise of dwelling with God eternally in heaven.

John 14:1-6; John 8:24, 21.

CONCLUSION: READ EPHESIANS 2:13-22.

Springhill, LA, December 10, 1972

Jonestown, TX, December 24, 1972

Springhill, LA, August 11, 1974

Liberty Hill, TX, August 16, 1974 (meeting)
Bossier City, LA, January 16, 1975 (meeting)
Denton, TX, March 28, 1975 (meeting)
La Porte, TX, February 1, 1976
Humphrey, AR, July 22, 1976 (meeting)
La Porte, TX, March 28, 1982
Exton, PA, October 14, 1984
Wrightsville, PA, April 21, 1991
Shiloh, Mexia, TX, June 4, 1995
Wrightsville, PA, July 6, 1997
Susquehanna, Marietta, PA, October 10, 1999