

# Indwelling of the Holy Spirit

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## I. The Holy Spirit and the Believer

A. The Bible clearly states that an indwelling of the Holy Spirit exists in any Christian

1. However, when people discuss it we are often uncomfortable
2. We are unsure how to describe this event.

B. Four Difficult Areas

1. The Holy Spirit dwells in us
  - We should boldly proclaim this
2. The Holy Spirit indwells by Faith
  - We should understand this
3. His work is manifested in understanding
  - We must facilitate this
4. He does not work in us apart from this

## II. The Reality of the Indwelling of the Spirit

A. Holy Spirit Indwells in the Christian & the Church (Acts 5:32, Romans 8:9,11, 1 Corinthians 3:16 (6:19), 2 Timothy 1:14, James 4:5)

1. What does "indwelling" mean? Greek: *enoikeo* ; *katoikeo* ; *meno*
  - a. To live within
  - b. To abide with or remain
  - c. To continue with one idea or thinking
2. It was foreshadowed in the Old Law Temple

B. We are told:

1. The Father "indwells" in us – I John 4:16
2. The Son "indwells" in us – Ephesians 3:17
3. The Spirit "indwells" in us – I Corinthians 3:16
4. We "indwell" in the Father – I John 4:12
5. We "indwell" in the Son – I John 3:24
6. We "indwell" in the Spirit – I John 3:24

## III. How does the indwelling work in us?

A. By Faith (Romans 10:17, James 2:17)

1. As Christ dwells in the believer by faith (Ephesians 2:17), so does the Spirit (Galatians 3:2-5,14)
2. He comes by Faith through a pattern:
  - a. In His Baptism to the Apostles in Acts 2
  - b. Then through the miraculous gifts they passed on (acts 8)
  - c. He manifested as the New Testament, Inspired (In – Spirited) 2 Peter 1:19-21

(1) Indwelling of the Holy Spirit by Faith

B. An indwelling by Faith is a real indwelling

1. Faith that comes by the Word of God (Rom 10:17) and our obedience to it (James 2)
2. Faith is REAL (Hebrews 11:1).

## III. How Does He Work in Us?

A. This understanding comes by "The Word of Truth", the Bible

1. As seen by parallel passages (*Hebrews 6:4,6 with Hebrews 10:26*)

2. Partaking of the Holy Spirit = receiving the Knowledge of the Truth

B. We can be sure the indwelling occurs with the knowledge of Scriptures by considering His work:

<b>The Spirit dwells in us</b> James 4:5 Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously"?	<b>The Word dwells in us</b> Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom
<b>The Spirit "gives birth" too us</b> John 3:8 "..... So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."	<b>The Word "gives birth" to us</b> 1 Peter 1:23 Having been born again.....through the word of God which lives and abides forever,
<b>The Spirit gives us life</b> 2 Corinthians 3:6 ..... but the Spirit gives life.	<b>The Word gives us Life</b> Philippians 2:16 holding fast the word of life,
<b>The Spirit is the guarantee of Salvation</b> 2 Corinthians 1:22 who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.	<b>The Word is the guarantee of Salvation</b> 1 John 5:13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, .....
<b>The Spirit sanctifies us</b> 2 Thessalonians 2:13 ....because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth,	<b>The Word sanctifies us</b> John 17:17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.
<b>The Spirit convicts and judges</b> John 16:8 "And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment"	<b>The Word convicts and judges</b> Titus 1:9 holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict. John 12:48 .....-the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day
<b>The Spirit gives us power</b> Romans 15:13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.	<b>The Word gives us power</b> Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and powerful,
<b>The Spirit comforts us</b> Acts 9:31 ....And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.	<b>The Word comforts us</b> Romans 15:4 For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.
<b>The Spirit testifies of God</b> Romans 8:16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God	<b>The Word testifies of God</b> John 5:39 "You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me."

## V. Misapplications of the Indwelling

### A. Indwelling by faith is a REAL indwelling

1. To deny this could lead to blasphemy
2. Describing that indwelling in active terms is right

### B. Our only real concern:

1. An indwelling that goes beyond what is written
2. An indwelling that is NOT of Faith

### C. The Holy Spirit:

1. Does not “illuminate” Scripture
2. He is revealed by Scripture
3. He is not “felt”, He is known