

Indwelling of the Holy Spirit

No Christian denies . . .

- Holy Spirit leads...
 - ...guides...
 - ...strengthens...
 - ...indwells
- Issue: how Spirit does these things

I. NT Describes three ways some received the Holy Spirit

1. Holy Spirit baptism

- Acts 2, apostles (promised in Jn.14-16)
- Acts 10, Cornelius (benefitted apostles)

2. Miraculous spiritual gifts

- Acts 8:14-18

3. Indwelling of Spirit on Christians

- Ro.8:9-11

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1. **Father**, Ep.4:6; 1 Jn.4:15

2. **Son**, 2 Co.13:5; Jn.14:20

3. **Holy Spirit**, Ro.8

⁹ 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. 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 who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

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III. Christians dwell in Godhead

1. Father

- 1 Jn.4¹⁶ And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

2. Son

- Jn.15⁴ Abide in Me, and 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

3. Holy Spirit

- Ro.8:9-11, dwell . . .

What does 'dwell' mean?

- Often: settle down in a place
- Also: that by which one is controlled
 - 2 Tim.1:5, faith dwelt in mother / grand-m
 - 2 Jn.2, truth dwelt in lady and children
 - Jn.5:38, they did not have it
 - Ro.7:17-20 [7:25-8:17] – contrasts law of God and law of sin
 - Obey law of God || led by Spirit
 - Led by Spirit || Spirit dwells in us

Analysis –

- We are baptized into a relationship with Father, Son, Holy Spirit.
- Mt.28:19 (name expresses sum total of Deity).
- In this relationship we receive blessings of Father, Son, Holy Spirit –
 - Reconciled to God
 - Christ becomes our Mediator
 - HS our intercessor

Indwelling is not residence (physical location) but relationship

1. When God's words and thoughts control our lives, He dwells in us; when satan's words / thoughts control world, he dwells in it
2. Do we assume that satan personally resides in individual bodies?
 - a. Jn.13:27, **satan entered him (Judas)**
 - b. Ac.5:3, **satan filled your heart...** (Ananias)

What does the Holy Spirit Indwell?

Ep.3¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man ¹⁷ that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith...

What is the heart? Ephesians . . .

3:13, do not lose heart

4:18, blindness of their heart

5:19, making melody in your heart

What is the heart? (1)

Hb.8¹⁰ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws in their **mind** and write them on their **hearts**; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people

Hb.10¹⁶ This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws into their **hearts**, and in their **minds** I will write them

What is the heart? (2)

Hb.8¹⁰ write (laws) on their hearts...

But the heart is the mind ... emotions, and will
(CGT)

“New man” (Ep.4:22-24) – literal or figurative?

- Lovers part – “I’ll keep you in my heart forever.”
- Child – “I can see his dad in him.”

The Spirit dwells in the temple

1 Co.3¹⁶ Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? [2 Co.6:16]

1 K.8:13, temple: place for God to dwell forever

27: But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple which I have built!

(30, 45, 49 – where is God?)

[Isa.66:1 . . . Ac.7:48-49]

Holy Spirit – blessing – Word

Holy Spirit	Blessing	Word
Jn.3:8	Birth	1 Pt.1:23-25
1 Co.6:11	Sanctification	Jn.17:17
Ro.8:11	Dwells in	Col.3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you 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 – Col.3:16

Idol in heart = addiction

Jer.8:2, **idols** 'which they have loved, and which they have served, and after which they have sought, and which they have worshipped.'

Ezk.14:3, same men 'set up their **idols** in their hearts, and put before them' (before their faces) – ESV; NASB....

[Describes their addiction to idolatry]

[Describes their heart's contents]

[Were literal idols in literal blood pumps?]

Christ dwells in our hearts by faith (Ep.3:17)

Faith comes by hearing word of God, Ro.10¹⁷

Holy Spirit makes elders, Acts 20:28. How?

Ac.14²³ So when they had appointed elders in every church, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

They preached gospel by Holy Spirit

They learned qualifications by Holy Spirit

They followed orders of Holy Spirit

The gift of the Holy Spirit, Ac.2:38

...the gift of **God**, Jn.4:10
(living water)

...the gift of **Christ**, Ep.4:7
(8, 11, apostles, prophets...)

...Ac.2:38, the gift of the **Holy Spirit**
(salvation: 21, 37-38, 40, 41, 47)

- Many make **God** and **Christ** givers, but **Holy Spirit** the gift. Why??

We partake of the divine nature

2 Pt.1³ His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, ⁴ by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Not His essence, but His holiness

Jn.1¹² become children of God...