

James 4:5

# The Spirit Who Dwells In Us



# The Spirit Who Dwells In Us...

- **No denying the FACT that the Spirit Dwells in Christians**

- Acts 5:32
- Romans 8:9, 11
- 1 Corinthians 3:16
- 1 Corinthians 6:19
- 2 Timothy 1:14
- James 4:5



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- **But there's a vast difference in the FACT of the Spirit's indwelling and the METHOD of that indwelling**
  - Not a matter of WHETHER but HOW
  - Does He dwell in us literally and directly?
  - Or does He dwell in us metaphorically, and representatively?



# The Spirit Who Dwells In Us...

- **How do we determine the HOW or the METHOD of His dwelling in us?**
  - Let's allow the Holy Spirit to testify and tell us HOW He dwells in us
    - The testimony of the Spirit ([Heb.10:15-17](#))
    - All scripture ([2Tim.3:16-17](#))
    - Do not go beyond the doctrine of Christ ([2Jn.1:9](#))
    - Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God ([Rom.10:17](#))





# The Spirit Who Dwells In Us...

- **The Bible concept of one person or being, dwelling IN something or someone**
  - The whole controversy hinges on this concept
  - Sometimes it means literal location
    - (Matt.3:5-6) "...in the Jordan"
    - (Rom.1:7) "... all who are in Rome..."
  - Sometimes used figuratively with no reference at all to literal location
    - (Phil.1:7) "I have you all in my heart"
    - (1Cor.5:3-5) "absent in body but present in spirit"
    - Like saying "I see your dad in you"

# Deity Dwelling In the Christian

- **The Father Dwelling in Us**

- 2 Corinthians 6:16

- (Exo.29:45) (Deut.12:5) (1 Kings 8:12-13, 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!

- Is this God's literal location?

- Is "walking" a metaphor or literal?

- The context is talking about fellowship

# Deity Dwelling In the Christian

- **Christ Dwelling in Us**

- Galatians 2:20

- I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.
- (Phil.1:23) “depart and be with Christ”
- (Jn.17:11) “I am no longer in the world”
- God does not contradict Himself



# Deity Dwelling In the Christian

- **The Spirit Dwelling in Us**

- 1 Corinthians 6:19

- Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

- (1 Kings 8:27) "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!



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- Romans 8:4-11

- <sup>8</sup> So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup> 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.

- Is this literal? Are we literally NOT in the flesh?



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- <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> 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.

# Deity Dwelling In the Christian

- **Why the perceived difference in the indwelling?**
  - Misunderstanding the nature of the H.S.
  - Enamored by the mysterious
  - Calvinistic influence





# The Nature of the Holy Spirit

- **The Holy Spirit is Deity**
  - (Acts 5:3-4)
- **The Holy Spirit is Separate – distinct personalities**
  - (Ephesians 4:4-6) (Matthew 3:16-17; 28:19)
- **The Holy Spirit is NOT Nebulous**
  - He speaks (1Tim.4:1)
  - He commands (Ac.13:2)
  - He can be grieved (Eph.4:30)
  - He is a person – not in human terms but in terms of deity

# Calvinism and Indwelling

- **Calvinism's Total depravity of Man's Nature**
  - According to Calvinism, man has inherited the guilt of Adam's sin and is born totally corrupted in his nature.
  - Even after conversion, man retains his corrupt nature
- **Calvinism's Answer to Overcoming the Corrupt Nature**
  - The Calvinist doctrine of Sanctification teaches that the Christian retains his corrupt nature and can only overcome sin through the direct indwelling of the H.S.

# The Scriptural Use of “Dwelling in”

- **Harmony and Fellowship**

- (John 14:11, 20, 15-17; 17:20-21, 23)

- **The Father dwells in the Son and the Son in the Father**

- (Jn.14:10; 17:20-21) (Col.2:9)

- **Christians dwell in the Father and Christ**

- (John 6:56; 15:4-7)

- **Are these passages referring to “location” or relationship?**



# The Scriptural Use of “Dwelling in”

- **The Metaphorical Usage of “Dwell in” and “Abide in”**

- The love of God dwells in the Christian (1Jn.3:17)
- Truth dwells in the Christian (2Jn.1:2)
- Satan dwelt in Pergamos (Rev.2:13)
- All spiritual blessings are “in” Christ (Eph.1:3)



# The Scriptural Use of “Dwelling in”

- **Why all the confusion?**

- It is simply indicating that we have entered a relationship of spiritual communion or fellowship with the Holy Spirit (2Cor.13:14)



# The Spirit and The Word

- **The same actions are attributed to the Holy Spirit and the Word of God**

- Whenever an action is attributed to a person and to an instrument, it is understood that the action is performed by the person with or through that instrument
- Chopping down a tree – axe
- Mowing the yard – lawnmower
- The Word of God is the sword of the Spirit  
([Eph.6:17](#))



# The Spirit and The Word

## Holy Spirit

- Rom.5:5
- Rom.8:9
- Rom.8:14
- 2Thess.2:13
- Acts 9:30
- Heb.10:15
- Jn.3:3, 5



## Word of God

- 1 Jn.3:11, 23
- 1 Jn.2:4
- 2Tim.3:16-17
- Jn.17:17
- 1Thess.4:17
- Jer.31:31-34
- 1Pet.1:23-25

# The Spirit and The Word

## Holy Spirit

- Eph.3:16
- Acts 7:51-52
- Jn.16:8



## Word of God

- 1Pet.2:2
- Neh.9:20, 30
- Titus 1:9

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- **This harmonizes with the way the Father and Son dwell in us**
  - (2 Corinthians 6:16) (John 15:4-7)
- **This makes it possible for me to obey the command to be “filled with the Spirit”**
  - (Ephesians 5:18) (Col.3:16)
- **This shows that the rejection or reception of the Spirit are accomplished in the same manner**
  - (Acts 7:52-53)



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