

# The Bulletin

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### ***“The Holy Spirit Dwelling In Us”***

By Reagan McClenny

Few things seem more confounding and confusing to the religious world than the "In-dwelling Holy Spirit." Does the Holy Spirit dwell in us? Yes! But is this a mysterious, miraculous, personal indwelling- the Holy Spirit somehow possessing our bodies where we do things we will not to do? Or, as others claim, is the Holy Spirit "in us" in a way that God or Christ are not, though He does not directly act upon us? I do not believe that this is what the Bible teaches. How then does the Holy Spirit dwell in us?

Notice this comparison between Ephesians 5 and Colossians 3:

Ephesians 5:18-19 *"And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord..."*

Colossians 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."*

The Holy Spirit dwells in us when the Word dwells in us-when we believe and follow what the Holy Spirit has revealed and confirmed (Hebrews 2:3-4).

Here is a comparison chart and comments by Robert Turner that I hope helps to clarify the issue of the work of the Holy Spirit and the means by which he accomplishes it.

#### **Does the Holy Spirit?      Well, so does the Word!**

- 1. Give faith ?**      Romans 10:17...faith comes by hearing word
- 2. Beget ?**      1 Corinthians 4:15 .....begotten through gospel
- 3. Quicken ?**      Psalm 119:93 .....with precepts -- quickened
- 4. New Birth ?**      1 Peter 1:23 .....by the word of God
- 5. Save ?**      1 Corinthians 15:1-2 .....saved -- by the gospel
- 6. Cleanse ?**      John 15:3 .....clean through the word

7. **Purify ?** 1 Peter 1:22 .....in obeying the truth
8. **Sanctify ?** John 17:17 ..... "through thy truth"
9. **Give light ?** Psalm. 119:105 ..... "Thy word is a lamp"
10. **Bear witness ?** John 5:39 .....Scriptures testify (1 John 5:6)
11. **Give growth ?** 1 Peter 2:2 ....desire word -- worketh in you
12. **Work in us ?** 1 Thessalonians 2:13 .....word -- worketh in you
13. **Guide our walk ?** Philippians 3:16 .....walk by God's rule
14. **Strengthen ?** Colossians 2:7 ..... "established in the faith"
15. **Build up ?** Acts 20:32 .....word -- is able to build up
16. **Comfort ?** 1 Thessalonians 4:18 .....comfort -- with words
17. **Convert ?** Psalm 19:7 .....law of the Lord -- converts.
18. **Wash ?** Ephesians 5:26 .....the washing of water by word.
19. **Justify ?** Romans 5:1 ... "by faith" -- (See Romans 10:17).
20. **Give life ?** John 6:63 ..... "the words that I speak"
21. **Understanding ?** Psalm 119:104 ..... "through thy precepts"
22. **Convict ?** Hebrews 11:1 .....faith -- a conviction (R.V.)
23. **Reconcile ?** 2 Corinthians 5:19 .....the word of reconciliation
24. **Open eyes ?** Acts 26:18 ..preach word, to open eyes
25. **Call ?** 2 Thessalonians 2:14 .....called by the gospel

The scriptures teach that GOD must be IN us. But HOW is God in us? Well, read 1 Jn. 4:12, 15-16 and like passages, to see that no mystical "better felt than told" dwelling is meant.

1 John 4:12, 15-16 *"No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us... 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16 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."*

In like manner, CHRIST must be IN us. (Col.1:27 Rom.8:10) If you can understand how God and Christ can be in us, you should also understand how the Holy Spirit can "dwell in you richly" -- how we can "be filled with the Spirit". (Col. 3:16; Eph. 5:19)

The Spirit speaks through the word (Rev. 2:11-12) pricking and cutting the hearts of men (Eph. 6:17). He is resisted when we resist the word of God. See ye do it not!

(Adapted from *Plain Talk*, Vol. 1, No. 2).

## **“CHANGING THE LABEL MAKES SIN MORE DANGEROUS”**

(Author Unknown)

One of America's great needs is to recognize sin for what it is. We are too prone to explain it away, or to soften its horrors.

Wilbur Chapman tells of a distinguished minister who preached on sin, and one of the leading members came to talk to him in his study. He said to the preacher, "We don't want you to talk so plainly about sin, because the more our boys and girls hear you talking about sin the more easily they will become sinners. Call sin a mistake if you will, but do not speak so plainly about it being just plain outright sin."

The preacher took down a small bottle from the shelf marked "POISON" and showed it to the visitor. It was a bottle of strychnine. He said, "I see what you want me to do. You want me to change the label. Now, suppose I took off this label marked "Poison" on this bottle, and put on some mild label, such as "Oil of Anise," don't you see what happens? The milder you make the label, the more dangerous you make the poison!"

*"That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children who will not hear the law of the LORD; who say to the seers, "Do not see," and to the prophets, "Do not prophesy to us right things; speak to us smooth things, prophesy deceits." (Isaiah 30:9-10).*

*"Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" (Isaiah 5:20).*



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**News and Notes:**

Sick and recovering: Tim Harris Sr, Tim Harris Jr, Daniel Holloway, Debbie Keplinger, Robbie, Sheila, Sherry Doles, Sandi Poole, Nathan Cox, Sandra Oliver, Chad Harris, Eli Johnson, Burt Ward, Jamie Jones, Janet Boren, Fred Johnson, Mary Ann Holley, Anita Harris, Larsen Plyler, Willis Fields (Brandi Meade's Dad), and Sam Kennemur (Upcoming surgery October 6th).

**Those Who Serve:**

**Sunday Morning 9:00 A.M. Service:**

**Opening Prayer:** Dan Cottrell  
**Preaching:** Duston Coan  
**Sermon #1:** "The Words Of Agur"

**Auditorium Bible Class: 9:35am:**

**Workbook:** 1 & 2 Thessalonians  
**Author:** Mark Mayberry  
**Starting Page & Question:** Page #36, Question #6

**Sunday Morning 10:30 A.M. Service:**

**Announcements:** Paul Busby  
**Opening Prayer & Scripture Reading:** Jerry Kennemur  
**Scripture Reading:** Ephesians 3:14-21  
**Song Leader:** Adam Harris  
**Lord's Supper:** Danny Sheffield  
**Assisting:** — —  
**Preaching:** Duston Coan  
**Sermon #2:** "Things Over My Head"  
**Closing Prayer:** Paul Johnson

**Wednesday Evening: 7:00 P.M.**

**September 6, 2023**

**Auditorium Bible Class:** Russell Briggs  
**Workbook:** Preparing To Teach Our Neighbors  
**Author:** Max Tice  
**Starting Page & Question:** Page #13, Answer Briefly #3  
**Invitation:** Doug George  
**Song Leader:** Tim Harris Sr.  
**Closing Prayer:** Paul Busby