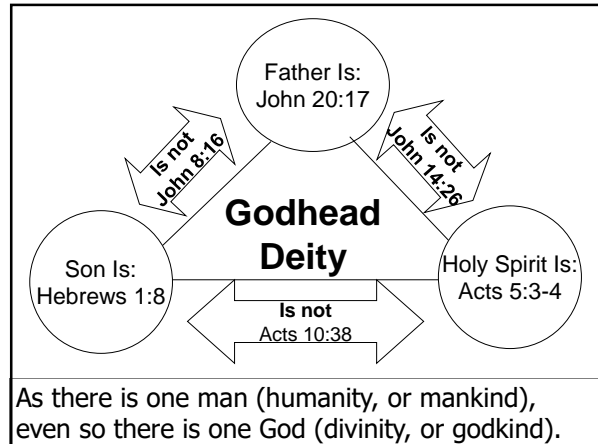


# The Indwelling Of The Holy Spirit



- The question is in the conviction and conversion of the sinner to Christ, "**How does the Holy Spirit exercise His influence upon the heart?**"
- Does He operate immediately (without means) or intermediately (through means)?
- Directly or indirectly?

- ### Indwelling of Holy Spirit – The Issue Is Not:
- Whether or not the Holy Spirit indwells the Christian.
  - The fact of this proposition will hardly be disputed by anyone (Romans 8:9-11; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 2 Timothy 1:13-14)

- ### Indwelling of Holy Spirit – The Issue Is:
- Does the Holy Spirit as a **person** **immediately** and without means enter into and inhabit the body of a Christian separate and apart from the influence of His revealed word???
  - If so, **what does He do** for the Christian as a result of this bodily indwelling that **is not** said to be accomplished through the medium of His teaching in the revealed gospel?

### Alleged Modes Of Holy Spirit Indwelling

Some assert a direct personal indwelling, in ways separate and apart from the influence of His word.

- Ben Bogard (Baptist preacher) said, "The Holy Spirit is present with us now just exactly as Jesus Christ was present when he was here on earth in his human body. What I shall affirm is that the Holy Spirit is actually present and actually using his personal presence in influencing sinners to be saved." (page 8). "The Holy Spirit ... is actually present in all the work of the Lord in this dispensation" (page 10).
- J.D. Thomas says "the personal Holy Spirit dwelling in the body of the Christian ... The Holy Spirit can also inhabit a human body ... the Spirit dwells in his body ..." (The Spirit and Spirituality, pages 5, 27)

### Alleged Modes Of Holy Spirit Indwelling

- All admit that the Holy Spirit dwells in the Christian through the medium of the word.
- Holy Spirit uses the word as the means by which He accomplishes His work in conviction, conversion, and sanctification.
- The power for the conversion of alien sinners is the Gospel. (Romans 1:16,17; 1 Corinthians 4:15; James 1:18; 1 Peter 1:22-25.)
- That word is powerful enough to get the job done. James 1:21; 1 Thessalonians 2:13.

### Alleged Modes Of Holy Spirit Indwelling

- The power for the sanctification and edification of the saved is in the same gospel. John 17:17; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7; cf. 2 Thessalonians 2:13,14; 1 Peter 2:1-3; Ephesians 4:17-21

The Heart Is Changed  
By The Gospel ...  
The Medium Through Which  
The Holy Spirit Works

George Washington cut down the cherry tree.  
The Axe cut down the cherry tree.

### THE WORD AND THE SPIRIT

SPIRIT	ACTION	WORD OF GOD
John 3:5-6, 8	<b>Born, Begotten</b>	1 Peter 1:23-25 1 Corinthians 4:15 James 1:18
John 6:63; Romans 8:11	<b>Quickens</b>	Psalms 119:50, 53

### THE WORD AND THE SPIRIT

SPIRIT	ACTION	WORD OF GOD
Titus 3:5	<b>Saved</b>	James 1:21
Romans 15:13	<b>Power of</b>	Romans 1:16
I Corinthians 6:11	<b>Sanctified</b>	John 17:17
I Corinthians 6:11	<b>Washed by</b>	Ephesians 5:25-26

### THE INDWELLING DEITY

The Scriptures teach ... GOD DWELLS  
WITHIN THE CHRISTIAN

- 2 Corinthians 6:16
- Ephesians 4:6
- Philippians 2:13
- 1 John 4:4, 12-13, 15-16

**Does God "personally and literally" dwell in the Christian?**

## THE INDWELLING DEITY

The Scriptures teach ... CHRIST DWELLS IN THE CHRISTIAN.

- John 6:56; 15:4-5; 17:23, 26
- Romans 8:10
- 2 Corinthians 4:10-11; 13:5
- Galatians 2:20; 4:19
- Ephesians 3:17
- Philippians 1:20
- Colossians 1:27; 3:11
- 1 Peter 3:15

**Does Christ "personally and literally" dwell in the Christian?**

## THE INDWELLING DEITY

The Scriptures teach ... THE HOLY SPIRIT DWELLS IN THE CHRISTIAN.

- Romans 8:9,11
- 1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19
- 2 Timothy 1:14
- Ephesians 3:16
- Galatians 4:6
- 1 Thessalonians 4:8

**Does the Holy Spirit "personally and literally" dwell in the Christian?**

- When we learn how one member of the Godhead dwells in the Christian, we will learn how all members indwell the Christian.
- It is by faith. Ephesians 3:17; Galatians 2:20; 3:2
- Faith comes by hearing. Romans 10:17

## Compare

- Ephesians 5:18-19, "*And be not drunken with wine, wherein is riot, but be **filled with the Spirit**; speaking one to another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with 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 with psalms (and) hymns (and) spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts unto God."*

## Conclusion On Indwelling

- Without Christ, Paul was controlled by sin ... thus "**sin dwelleth in me**" Romans 7:17-20
- If Satan's will controls one, then Satan is dwelling in him (cf. Revelation 2:13-14). If the will of God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit controls one, they are dwelling in him.
  - Paul affirmed, "**Christ liveth in**" him ... thus he was dominated by his faith in Christ. Galatians 2:20
- John said that the truth "**dwelleth in us**" 2 John 2 ... truth controls our lives.

## Conclusion On Indwelling

- God and Christ are to dwell in us 1 John 4:12; Ephesians 3:17 ... they control our lives.
- Christians are to have the love of God "dwelling in them" ... the love of God dominates their lives.
- The Christian is to "**let the word of Christ dwell**" in him. Colossians 3:17 ... His word controls his life.
- By the same token the Holy Spirit "**dwells**" in us ... He is involved in the domination of our lives.

## Conclusion On Indwelling

- There is nothing mystical about these indwellings.
- This is accomplished through the medium of the word as man believes and obeys that word.