

A photograph of a beach with waves crashing onto the shore. In the foreground, several footprints are visible in the wet sand. A black rectangular box is superimposed over the middle of the image, containing yellow text. The background shows a clear blue sky with a few clouds and a distant landmass on the horizon.

**Holy Spirit to indwell
or not to indwell?
Passages I struggle with.**

Holy Spirit to indwell or not to indwell?

I can understand that many passages
referring to what the word does
also can refer to the Holy Spirit.

I received this from a brother recently
which details the problem
although his introduction is perhaps unhelpful.
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“In view of the false teaching that is being circulated in many
of the congregations in the UK today, I share the following
very sound teaching on the work of the Holy Spirit.
Meditate and think on it. Every blessing.” **(Brother X)**

The Scriptures Are Complete For Making Us Complete
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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2017 **Doug Post.**

If the Holy Spirit tells us that the Scriptures, which He inspired, make us
complete (Col. 4:12; 2 Tim. 3:16-17), then what does the Spirit do?

If the Holy Spirit tells us that it's the word of God, the faith,
that quenches all the fiery darts of Satan, then what does the Spirit do?
If the Holy Spirit tells us that the Word of God strengthens us
(Eph. 6:10-17; Acts 20:32), then **what does the Spirit do?**

If the Holy Spirit tells us that it's the Word that gives life
(John 6:63; 12:48), then **what does the Spirit do?**
If the Holy Spirit tells us that it's the Word gives us understanding
(Psa. 119 104-105, 130), then **what does the Spirit do?**
If the Holy Spirit tells us that it's the Word that sanctifies us
(John 17:17), then **what does the Spirit do?**

If the Holy Spirit tells us that the Word of God works in us
(1 Thess. 2:13), then **what does the Spirit do?**
If the Holy Spirit tells us that the Word reconciles us to the Father
(2 Cor. 5:19), then **what does the Spirit do?**
If the Holy Spirit tells us that the Word of God saves us
(Jas. 1:21; Acts 13:26; Rom. 1:16), then **what does the Spirit do?**

If the Holy Spirit tells us that we have life through the Word
(Phil. 2:16; John 6:63), then **what does the Spirit do?**
If the Holy Spirit tells us that it's the Word of God that converts the soul
(Psa. 19:7), then **what does the Spirit do?**

? If the Holy Spirit tells us that it's the Word of God that gives us faith (Rom. 10:17), then **what does the Spirit do?**

If the Holy Spirit tells us that the gospel/Word of God establishes us (Rom. 16:25), then **what does the Spirit do?**

If the Holy Spirit tells us that the truth---the gospel---the Word of God is what produces fruit (Col. 1:5-6), then **what does the Spirit do?**

If the Holy Spirit tells us that our spiritual growth comes by the Word of God (1 Pet.2:1), then what does the Spirit do?

If the Holy Spirit tells us that our minds are transformed by the Will or Word of God (Rom.12:2; Rom.8:2, 5-6), then **what does the Spirit do?**

If the Holy Spirit tells us that the Will God, through the Word of God, gives direction or guidance (Psa.73:24; 1 Thess.4:1-8; Psa.119:9), then **what does the Spirit do?**

If the Holy Spirit tells us that the solid food of the Word of God is what trains the faculties of our mind to discern good from evil (Heb.5:13-14), then **what does the Spirit do?**

If the Holy Spirit tells us the Word comforts us (Rom.15:4; 1 Thess.3:2, 4:18), then **what does the Spirit do?**

If the Holy Spirit tells us that knowledge comes from the Word of God (2 Cor.4:1-6), then **what does the Spirit do?**

If the Spirit tells us that the Word of God teaches us (2 Tim.4:1-4; Acts 20:32, Titus 2:11-12), then **what does the Spirit do?**

The fact is, in these passages, and in many others, the Holy Spirit (as well as God the Father, and God the Son, and the apostles) influences us through His very own word.

In conviction, conversion, and sanctification, **whatever the Spirit is said to do, His word does.**

After all, the sword of the Spirit is the Word of God (Eph 6:17)

The very tool or means which He uses to influence us, and **in no other way does He influence us.**

Holy Spirit to indwell or not to indwell?

My comments in response (Graeme Morrison)

I think that this is a fairly comprehensive list of arguments
as to the reason why people

DO NOT believe in the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

In fact reading the list you are almost
left with the question **WHAT DOES THE SPIRIT DO?**

This brother's form of argument won't work.

The word dwells is us...**The Holy Father dwells in us...**what does He do?

The word dwells in us **Jesus Christ dwells in us....**what does He do?

The word dwells in us **The H.Spirit dwells in us...**what does He do?

**This would lead us [on his agenda] to believe
that none of the Tri-Personal God does anything.**

What if **THEY** all "**indwell**" us **THROUGH** the word?

Your words to me and my words to you
enter one another's hearts and minds but it is **US**
that **enters one another's mind VIA** the words.

When **God speaks to us**
it is **GOD** who speaks to us **not His speech.**

If the Holy Spirit convicts the world by the gospel
it is the Holy Spirit convicting the world **VIA** the gospel.

If the **Godhead** makes "**itself**" present in us **VIA** the truth
it remains that **it is the personal GOD who makes Himself**
present within us VIA the truth concerning Himself.

Note that even our brother says
"The HS says..." He doesn't say, **"The texts say..."**

It's easy to forget that:-

Love does not love,	a person does.
Grace isn't gracious,	a person is.
Mercy isn't merciful,	a person is.
Patience isn't patient,	a person is.

Words are the sounds [or scribbles] that refer to a reality beyond themselves. We see a gang kick the blood out of an old man and we have a sound/word that by linguistic consent refers to that: **cruelty or...**

We see a mother working with an ill child, attending to every tricky need and we have a sound/word that refers to it: **patience or.....**

Words are not the realities:- God's "grace" or "mercy" or "patience" **is/are GOD expressing HIMSELF.**

Holy Spirit to indwell or not to indwell?

On the other hand there are **some passages** that **imply** that **more than the word is received**, for me these are problem passages that give me pause for thought in being too quick to say that we do not receive the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

I will begin with passages that are mainly dealing with **the apostles** and their work, **I know these may not apply to me** but they may give an insight into other things later.

To the individual believer:- John 7:37-39; “If you believe in me, come and drink! For the Scriptures declare that rivers of living water will flow out from within. (When he said “living water,” he was speaking of the Spirit, who would be given to everyone believing in him. But the Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus had not yet entered into his glory.)”

Simply said:- **After Jesus was glorified believers would receive the Holy Spirit.**

Holy Spirit to indwell or not to indwell?

New King James **John 14:16**; "And I will pray the Father,
and He will **give you another Helper**,
that **He may abide with you forever**,

New King James John 14:17; "even **the Spirit of truth**,
whom the world cannot receive, because it
neither sees **Him** nor knows **Him**; but you know **Him**,
for He dwells with you and will be in you."

Young's Bible **John 14:26**; "and the Comforter, **the Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in my name, **he** will teach you all things, and remind you of all things that I said to you."

Jesus promises the apostles that **the Holy Spirit will be in them** and **the distinction** is made between **the word of truth** and **the Holy Spirit Himself**.

Holy Spirit to indwell or not to indwell?

Berean Literal Bible **John 20:22**;

And having said this, He breathed on them
and He says to them, "**Receive the Holy Spirit.**"

This is a more **controversial one** in the sense that
it is more difficult to exegete, is Jesus doing this at that time
or is this referring to what the apostles will receive in Acts 2

Whenever it is referring to, again
it is speaking of the Holy Spirit and not the word.

New King James **Acts 1:4**; And being assembled
together with them, He commanded them not to depart
from Jerusalem, but to **wait for the Promise** of the Father,
"which," He said, "you have heard from Me;

New King James **Acts 2:3**; Then there appeared to them
divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.

Holy Spirit to indwell or not to indwell?

They received the Spirit and gifts as promised.
Gift of languages probably gift of remembrance
and certainly gift of guidance into all truth.

It is interesting that the text says the “tongues like fire”
Rested or sat, not indwelt.

But it could be argued that the sound and the sight
were not for the apostles benefit but
to bring to others attention what was about to be said.

So it could be argued that the apostles received more
than just the word and guidance but also the Holy Spirit
coming to live in / abide in them in a special way.

The promise of the Holy Spirit to dwell in them
was distinct from and separate from
the word of truth that was also given.

Acts 2:38; Is seen by some to have a number of options
 But at first glance it does seem to imply that
we are to receive the gift (dorean) of the Holy Spirit

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hymōn	kai	lēmpesthe	tēn	dōrean	tou	Hagiou	Pneumatou
ὑμῶν , καὶ		λήμψεσθε	τὴν	δωρεὰν	τοῦ	Ἁγίου	Πνεύματος
your	and	you will receive	the	gift	of the	Holy	Spirit
PPro-G2P	Conj	V-FIM-2P	Art-AFS	N-AFS	Art-GNS	Adj-GNS	N-GNS

“Then Peter said to them, Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” **Acts 2:38;**

2 commands:- Repent and be baptized.

2 promises:- Remission of sins & gift of Holy Spirit.

Acts 3:19; Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.”

Holy Spirit to indwell or not to indwell?

We will not spend much time on Acts 2:38; apart from saying that there does seem to be a strong indication that we receive **more than forgiveness** and whatever that more is it is **not referring to a gift of the word of truth.**

The same Peter states in Acts 5:32; N.K.J.
"And we are His witnesses to these things,
and so also is the Holy Spirit whom
God has GIVEN to those who obey Him."

Eph 2:22; “and you too, in him, are being built up into **a dwelling-place of God** in the Spirit.”

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		also	ye	are-being-built-together		dwelling-place		

ΕΝ	ΠΝΕΥΜΑΤΙ
en	pneumati
IN	spirit

God and Jesus Christ “**indwell**”
Christians **through the Holy Spirit**.

**Eph 2:22; doesn't say the Father and Son
indwell us THROUGH THE GOSPEL WORDS.**

[Though that is true also- **Col 3:16;**]

It is both **an exegetical and theological blunder**
to **deny that it is GOD who indwells us.**

We may **struggle to understand the manner of the indwelling!**
But we must embrace **the truth that GOD does indwell us**
and **work with that truth** and see where it leads.

Holy Spirit to indwell or not to indwell?

2 Tim 1:14; “Hold on to the pattern of right teaching.”

(Found in the gospel through the word of God.)

**“With the help of the Holy Spirit who lives within us”
(carefully guard the message entrusted.)**

Note distinction between the message and the H/S?

3588 [e]	2570 [e]	3866 [e]	5442 [e]	1223 [e]	4151 [e]	40 [e]	3588 [e]	1774 [e]
tēn	kalēn	parathēkēn	phylaxon	dia	Pneumatōs	Hagiou	tou	enoikountos
14 τὴν	καλὴν	παραθήκην	φύλαξον ,	διὰ	Πνεύματος	Ἁγίου ,	τοῦ	ἐνοικοῦντος
The	good	deposit entrusted [to you]	keep	by	[the] Spirit	Holy	-	dwelling
Art-AFS	Adj-AFS	N-AFS	V-AMA-2S	Prep	N-GNS	Adj-GNS	Art-GNS	V-PPA-GNS

1722 [e]	1473 [e]
en	hēmin
ἐν	ἡμῖν .
in	us
Prep	Pro-D1P

Holy Spirit to indwell or not to indwell?

Again we see a clear distinction between the word and the Spirit and the text implies an indwelling.

Text Analysis

Strong's	Transliteration	Greek	English	Morphology
3588 [e]	tēn	τὴν	The	Art-AFS
2570 [e]	kalēn	καλὴν	good	Adj-AFS
3866 [e]	parathēkēn	παραθήκην	deposit entrusted [to you]	N-AFS
5442 [e]	phylaxon	φύλαξον	keep,	V-AMA-2S
1223 [e]	dia	διὰ	by	Prep
4151 [e]	Pneumatōs	Πνεύματος	[the] Spirit	N-GNS
40 [e]	Hagίου	Ἁγίου	Holy,	Adj-GNS
3588 [e]	tou	τοῦ	-	Art-GNS
1774 [e]	enoikountos	ἐνοικοῦντος	dwelling	V-PPA-GNS
1722 [e]	en	ἐν	in	Prep
1473 [e]	hēmin	ἡμῖν.	us.	PPro-D1P

We know that Jesus dealt with **demons indwelling** people. We ourselves know by faith that we have a **human spirit** as part of our make up, **1 Thess 5:23**; despite knowing that physically every 7 years we are totally changed.

Is it so hard then to believe that the Holy Spirit can also indwell us.

Holy Spirit to indwell or not to indwell?

Some say that we are speaking of a **literal incarnation** like Jesus.

That is not true we are speaking of something more like the example of **oxygen** which can be around the whole world but also at the same time throughout our whole bodies in the blood in our veins.

We claim to believe in an **omnipresent Deity** so do we limit God to not being a part of us just because we do not understand **how** He would be able to do it.

If we believe and accept we have a **human spirit** why can we not accept that we can also **share in the presence of Deity?**

Holy Spirit to indwell or not to indwell?

James 4:5;

*“ Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain,
“The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously”?*

New International Version

Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us?

New Living Translation

What do you think the Scriptures mean when they say that the spirit God has placed within us is filled with envy?

English Standard Version

Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”?

Berean Study Bible

Or do you think the Scripture says without reason that the Spirit He caused to dwell in us yearns with envy?

Berean Literal Bible

Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, “The Spirit that He has made to dwell in us yearns with envy”?

New American Standard Bible

Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose: “He jealously desires the Spirit which He has made to dwell in us”?

King James Bible

Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?

Holman Christian Standard Bible

Or do you think it's without reason the Scripture says that the Spirit who lives in us yearns jealously?

International Standard Version

Or do you think the Scripture means nothing when it says that the Spirit that God has caused to live in us jealously yearns for us?

NET Bible

Or do you think the scripture means nothing when it says, “The spirit that God caused to live within us has an envious yearning”?

New Heart English Bible

Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, “The Spirit which he made to dwell in us yearns jealously”?

**Notice James does not say
that “the Spirit dwells in us
through the word and yearns”
but rather “the word says
that the Spirit
who dwells in us yearns.”**

Holy Spirit to indwell or not to indwell?

James 4:5;

James 4 Interlinear

2228 [e]	1380 [e]	3754 [e]	2761 [e]	3588 [e]	1124 [e]	3004 [e]	4314 [e]	5355 [e]	1971 [e]	3588 [e]	4151 [e]
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Or	think you	that	in vain	the	Scripture	says	with	envy	yearns	the	Spirit
Conj	V-PIA-2P	Conj	Adv	Art-NFS	N-NFS	V-PIA-3S	Prep	N-AMS	V-PIA-3S	Art-ANS	N-ANS
3739 [e]	2730 [e]	1722 [e]	1473 [e]								
ho	katōkisen	en	hēmin								
ὁ	κατώκισεν	ἐν	ἡμῖν ?								
that	he has made to dwell	in	us								
RelPro-ANS	V-AIA-3S	Prep	PPro-D1P								

In in this verse we have both
the **Scripture (the word)** and the **Holy Spirit**.
The text says it is “**the Spirit that Dwells in us.**”

Holy Spirit to indwell or not to indwell?

Text Analysis

Strong's	Transliteration	Greek	English	Morphology
2228 [e]	ē	ἢ	Or	Conj
1380 [e]	dokeite	δοκεῖτε	think you	V-PIA-2P
3754 [e]	hoti	ὅτι	that	Conj
2761 [e]	kenōs	κενῶς	in vain	Adv
3588 [e]	hē	ἡ	the	Art-NFS
1124 [e]	graphē	γραφῇ	Scripture	N-NFS
3004 [e]	legei	λέγει	says,	V-PIA-3S
4314 [e]	Pros	Πρὸς	with	Prep
5355 [e]	phthonon	φθόνον	envy	N-AMS
1971 [e]	epipothei	ἐπιποθεῖ	yearns	V-PIA-3S
3588 [e]	to	τὸ	the	Art-ANS
4151 [e]	pneuma	πνεῦμα	Spirit	N-ANS
3739 [e]	ho	ὁ	that	RelPro-ANS
2730 [e]	katōkisen	κατῴκισεν	he has made to dwell	V-AIA-3S
1722 [e]	en	ἐν	in	Prep
1473 [e]	hēmin	ἡμῖν;	us?	PPro-D1P

This is a passage that many would point at to show that **the Spirit has feelings**, so **they cannot deny** that **the text** is referring to the Holy Spirit.

Holy Spirit to indwell or not to indwell?

*“What? Know ye not that **your body** is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which you have of God, and you are not your own? For you are bought with a price: therefore glorify God **in your** body, and **in your spirit**, (human spirit) which are God’s.”*
1Cor 6:19-20;

2228 [e]	3756 [e]	1492 [e]	3754 [e]	3588 [e]	4983 [e]	4771 [e]	3485 [e]	3588 [e]	1722 [e]	4771 [e]	40 [e]
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19 ἡ	οὐκ	οἶδατε	ὅτι	τὸ	σῶμα	ὑμῶν	ναὸς	τοῦ ,	ἐν	ὑμῖν ,	Ἁγίου
Or	not	know you	that	the	body	of you	a temple	of the	in	you	Holy
Conj	Adv	V-RIA-2P	Conj	Art-NNS	N-NNS	PPro-G2P	N-NMS	Art-GNS	Prep	PPro-D2P	Adj-GNS
4151 [e]	1510 [e]	3739 [e]	2192 [e]	575 [e]	2316 [e]	2532 [e]	3756 [e]	1510 [e]	1438 [e]		
Pneumatos	estin	hou	echete	apo	Theou	kai	ouk	este	heautōn		
Πνεύματος ,	ἐστίν ,	οὗ	ἔχετε	ἀπὸ	Θεοῦ ?	καὶ	οὐκ	ἐστὲ	ἐαυτῶν ,		
Spirit	is	whom	you have	from	God	And	not	you are	your own		
N-GNS	V-PIA-3S	RelPro-GNS	V-PIA-2P	Prep	N-GMS	Conj	Adv	V-PIA-2P	RefPro-GM3P		

Holy Spirit to indwell or not to indwell?

Paul affirms in **1 Corinthians 6:19-20**; that Christians have a **special fellowship with God**, and **especially with the Holy Spirit**, which should **inspire us to live holy lives** giving glory to God.

This beautiful lesson is illustrated and reinforced by introducing the role of the temple in Israel's history.

The temple signified **the presence and fellowship of God** with His special nation, proclaiming His holiness & glory through the people who worshipped at His temple. **By dwelling in the Christian, the Spirit makes the child of God a temple** which proclaims His holiness and glory to an unbelieving world.

Holy Spirit to indwell or not to indwell?

God existed before the universe and will exist after it no longer exists. He dwells in heaven, transcending the universe, rather than dwelling on earth.

*“After this manner therefore pray ye: **Our Father which art in heaven**, Hallowed be thy name,” said Jesus. (**Matt. 6:9;**).*

Yet, the Bible refers to God as dwelling from place to place, or in His people, or His people dwelling in Him. Such passages show that God is greater than any literal geographical location.

It points us to an understanding of His relationship, manifestation, and work among men on earth.
God is bigger than any box we can put Him in.

Deity –God dwells in Christians

Eph 4:6; *one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.*

Phil 2:13; for it is **God who works in you** both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

1John 4:4; You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because **He who is in you** is greater than he who is in the world.

Deity –God dwells in Christians.

1 John 4:12-13; “ No one has ever seen God. **But if we love each other, God lives in us,** and His love has been brought to full expression through us.

And God has given us His Spirit as proof that we live in Him and He in us.”

	1722 [e]	3778 [e]	1097 [e]		3754 [e]	1722 [e]	846 [e]	3306 [e]	2532 [e]	846 [e]	1722 [e]	1473 [e]
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13	ἐν	τούτῳ	γινώσκουμεν	ὅτι	ἐν	αὐτῷ	μένουμεν	,	καὶ	αὐτὸς	ἐν	ἡμῖν ,
	By	this	we know	that	in	him	we abide	and	he	in	us	
	Prep	DPro-DNS	V-PIA-1P	Conj	Prep	PPro-DM3S	V-PIA-1P	Conj	PPro-NM3S	Prep	PPro-D1P	

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ὅτι	ἐκ	τοῦ	Πνεύματος	αὐτοῦ	δέδωκεν	ἡμῖν	.
because	out from	the	Spirit	of him	he has given	to us	
Conj	Prep	Art-GNS	N-GNS	PPro-GM3S	V-RIA-3S	PPro-D1P	

Deity – Holy Spirit dwells in Christians.

Rom 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.**”

Rom 8:11; “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.”

Three fold repetition “**The Holy Spirit dwells in you**”

Vine says:- “to inhabit as ones abode.”

Make His home in you.

Gal 4:6; “And because you are sons, God has sent forth **the Spirit of His Son into your hearts,** crying out, “Abba, Father!”

The Holy Spirit is seen to indwell the individual Christian in 1Cor 3:16-17;

“Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you?

God will bring ruin upon anyone who ruins this temple.

For God's temple is holy, and you Christians are that temple.”

Four times Christians are described as:-

the Temple of God “the sanctuary”

the “inner shrine” where God's presence is visible.

God has given us His Spirit

so that God's presence may be visible in us.

Deity – Christ dwells in Christians.

Eph 3:16; “that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through **His Spirit in the inner man.**”

1 Thess 4:8; “Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also **given us His Holy Spirit.**”

John 14:23; “If any one loves me,” replied Jesus, “he will obey my teaching; and my Father will love him, and **we will come to him and make our home with him.**”

All these passages teach that:-

The Father is IN the Christian, the Son is IN the Christian, and the Holy Spirit is IN the Christian.

THE HOLY SPIRIT:- THE UNIVERSAL GIFT.

Because we have the **Holy Spirit** living in us and the **Holy Spirit is Deity** then we also have the close relationship and Harmony of **Deity (God)** living in us.

Young's Literal Translation **Ezekiel 36:26-27;**

And **My Spirit** I give in your midst,
And I have done this, so that in **My statutes** ye walk,
And **My judgments** ye keep, and have done them.

“A new heart will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you. And I will put my **Spirit** within you.”

-Ezekiel 36:26-27;

Ephesians 2:22; “In whom you also are built together for **an habitation of God through the Spirit.**”

THE HOLY SPIRIT: THE UNIVERSAL GIFT.

How long was this promise to remain in effect?

The offer of salvation is for all time. Acts 2:47; Matt 28:19-20; There is nothing in the text to indicate that the gift of the Holy Spirit would not last as long as the offer of salvation.

Whatever God promises to those who meet His conditions is given and received.

God does not lie about this matter. Heb 6:18; “So God has given us both His promise and His oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to Him for refuge can take new courage, for we can hold on to His promise with confidence.”

One cannot choose salvation and reject the Spirit, nor can one refuse salvation and receive the Spirit.

We are said to **"indwell"** God and Jesus [John 17].

First we must **embrace the truth** of that
and then work out how to unpack that truth.

We are said to **"live"** and **"walk"** in the Holy Spirit.

These are explicit claims and we should be
willing to receive and then try to understand them,
perhaps we never will.

We are said to be **"temples"** of God
in which the Holy Spirit **"indwells."**

These too are explicit claims.

We should receive these as true and then
reflect on- if **"temples"** are to be **construed**
as spatial locations is **"indwelling"**
being referred to as a spatial location?

**I'm content to believe that "indwelling"
is a relational and temple metaphor etc.
God "comes" [Isa 19 etc] without space travel.**

**HE exercises power, and does things
[including empowering us, being with us,
comforting us, etc etc etc.]
IT'S NEVER NOT HIM.**

**It's never NOT
the Lord Jesus or the Holy Spirit
that does these things that we can't number.**

To speak **as if all we have is a book,**
the best and infallible book that works
autonomously **is profoundly mistaken.**

God brings down evil empires, raises up others
with the mission to be a minister for God
and to the degree that they do it
He sustains them and brings them down etc.....

It is **never** political/social/military/economic
elements that rule, it is **GOD.**

The HS indwelled the OT prophets. [1 Peter 1.]

Israel as a nation apostatised and embraced another spirit, the spirit of the world, the prince of the power of the air, spiritual hosts of wickedness in heavenly places and the god of the world.

With the coming of the Lord Jesus Israel was promised a "**new spirit**" which would be **the indwelling of the HS**

Which in the NT era functions as not only **the Spirit of God**, but as **the Spirit of Christ**, **the Spirit of Jesus**, **the Spirit of His Son**.

The Spirit is "poured out" and "received"
and people are **"filled"** with Him or are **"full"** of Him.

A new **"temple"** made of **"living stones"**
is **"anointed"** by Christ with the Holy Spirit.

It is always **ONE Spirit** [Eph 4]
but **He now functions in a way** He did not
and could not function prior to the Incarnation.

The H.S. now functions as the living and resurrected
Lord Jesus who came in and as the Holy Spirit.

This **Holy Spirit** is the **representative** of the Father
and in particular of the Son [John 16:13ff], **in Him**
and by Him Jesus is made present in the Church.

It is **never a question could God "do" it [i.e. dwell inside our bodies in a spatial location manner].**
I don't know how He could do that
but that is neither here nor there.

The question is: are we to construe the various words and phrases as spatial? We dwell in Christ and the Father as surely as the Spirit dwells in us. [John 17;]

I think there is room for disagreement
but I think there is no room
for making the Scriptures autonomous.

They are **only life bringing** because they are Spirit brought and truth-filled. But He does convict the world of sin, **righteous and judgment** without a spatial location within humanity. But **it is HE that does the convicting.**

THE HOLY SPIRIT: THE UNIVERSAL GIFT.

A battle for the souls of men was taking place on the spiritual landscape of Paul's days as there is now. (2 Cor 11:3-4;)

“But I fear that somehow you will be led away from your pure and simple devotion to Christ, just as Eve was deceived by the serpent.”

4. “You seem to believe whatever anyone tells you, even if they preach about a different Jesus than the one we preach, or a different Spirit than the one you received, or a different kind of gospel than the one you believed.”

Holy Spirit to indwell or not to indwell?

We could go on with other passages that claim in some form or another that **we have more than Just the word but separate and distinct we have the Spirit.**

Certainly whether we accept it or not the question is not as clear or black and white as some would have us believe.

So perhaps we should not be as dogmatic one way or the other as some would like us to be, but rather encourage each other to continue studying the question.

It would be nice to think we have all the answers but the reality is that many of us may have been quite dogmatic about something at one time **only to later revise our thinking after much prayer and study.**

Holy Spirit to indwell or not to indwell?

**Whatever we decide on this question
may we learn to be loving and patient
in our dealings with one another.**

**Jesus said we are to speak the truth with love
and all of us should be searching
after the truth, that we might walk
closer each day to our heavenly Father.**

**May God bless us as we try to understand
His will for our lives and do our best
to “present ourselves to God as one approved,
a worker who does not need to be ashamed
and who correctly handles the word of truth.”**

Jim McGuiggan commented
“The Holy Scriptures say explicitly
that the Holy Spirit "dwells" within us.
So there should be no debate about that.
I came across a gentleman
who expressly said
‘we do not have the Holy Spirit in any sense.’
I find it remarkable
and didn't trouble myself to respond to him
other than suggesting it was nonsense.”

**Holy Spirit to indwell
or not to indwell?
Passages I struggle with understanding.**

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