

## **The Indwelling Holy Spirit**

### **Rom 8:9-11**

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. NKJV

When it comes to the Holy Spirit there is some confusion today.

Some teach that the Holy Spirit is just the power or force exerted by God and essentially is not a person in the trinity.

But the scripture gives abundant evidence that God the Holy Spirit is one of the three persons in the Godhead, being sent by the Father and the Son to earth to empower His churches to do their mission and to convict the world of sin.

But the Holy Spirit does more than that. He also indwells the believer.

- I. Who or what is the Holy Spirit?
  - A. The Holy Spirit is the third person in the Godhead
  - B. We find Him first in creation when it says the Spirit of God moved over the face of the waters.
  - C. In our age He was sent by the Son and the Father.
    1. John 15:26-27 "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. 27 And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning. NKJV
    2. John 16:5-15 "But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. 8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. 12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. 15 All things that the Father has are

Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

3. So we notice in this passage the many aspects of the Spirits work.

## II. What does He do for the believer?

A. By indwelling us He is constantly with us.

1. Unlike the Spirit's work in the OT where He indwelt people but not constantly.

2. In a measure He being the nature of God allows His children to be partakers of the divine nature.

a. 2 Peter 1:4 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. NKJV

3. In this He has an advantage over the Son.

a. The Son took on human flesh and was in that way confined to a single place.

b. But the Spirit is a spirit and can be everywhere at once.

c. He can fully indwell every believer without leaving anyone out.

B. He is the Helper

1. NT:3875 in the widest sense, a helper, succorer, aider, assistant; so of the Holy Spirit destined to take the place of Christ with the apostles (after his ascension to the Father), to lead them to a deeper knowledge of gospel truth, and to give them the divine strength needed to enable them to undergo trials and persecutions on behalf of the divine kingdom: John 14:16,26; 15:26; 16:7, compare Matt 10:19 f; Mark 13:11; Luke 12:11 (from Thayer's Greek Lexicon, Electronic Database. Copyright (c) 2000 by BibleSoft)

2. The KJV word comforter told only one aspect of the Spirit's work.

3. Even the word helper does not tell the entire story.

4. The basic meaning of the word is one who is called along side to help

C. He helps us live the Christian life that we cannot live without Him

1. Gal 5:22-26 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. 24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying

one another. NKJV

D. He helps us to understand the Word of God.

1. John 14:26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. NKJV
2. 1 Cor 2:13-16 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 15 But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. 16 For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ. NKJV

E. He is the seal, the promise of our full redemption.

1. Eph 1:13-14 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory. NKJV
2. Eph 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. NKJV

The Holy Spirit is our helper in the Christian life. He is God supplying all that we need. He is our surety, our seal that we are a child of God and that one day the same Spirit will quicken our mortal body as we see later in the passage.