

# THE HOLY SPIRIT

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# Does the Holy Spirit dwell in Christians?

- Romans 8:9, 11
- 1 Corinthians 6:9-11
- 2 Timothy 1:14
  
- The Bible's answer to the question is Yes.

## The Holy Spirit dwells in Christians

- ⦿ Dwell = to abide in; to inhabit as one's abode; to settle down in a dwelling; to dwell finally in a place
- ⦿ Critical to understand literal vs. figurative/metaphorical
- ⦿ Dwell in literally:
  - Mark 1:4-5
  - Philippians 1:1
  - “Joe is in the room”
- ⦿ Dwell in, in some figurative sense:
  - Philippians 1:7 – fellowship: “partakers”
  - 1 Corinthians 5:3-5 – present *in* spirit (body in Ephesus but spirit separated from body and in Corinth?)
  - Revelation 2:13
  - Colossians 1:27
  - “I see your father in you”

## Illustrating the concept of “dwelling in” in a figurative sense

### ⦿ Leviticus 26:11-12, 3

- God dwells in the midst of His people
  - When His commands are obeyed, when acknowledging His authority

### ⦿ 1 Kings 8:12-13, 27-30

- The temple represented God’s dwelling place – the place where His name is – His authority
- For God’s person is in heaven, not on earth
  - Deuteronomy 26:15
  - 2 Chronicles 6:21
  - Isaiah 66:1
  - Ecclesiastes 5:2
  - 1 Peter 1:12; 3:22

## Illustrating the concept of “dwelling in” in a figurative sense

- ⦿ What about God dwelling in His temple today?
- ⦿ 1 Corinthians 3:16-17
  - The church is God’s temple. The Spirit dwells there. Remember the OT background of God dwelling in His temple. Without meaning a literal dwelling place, a person is said to be in a place or in other people if his will and work are done among them. e.g. Matthew 18:20

## “Dwelling in” – fellowship and relationship

- ◎ The Father dwells in the Son and the Son in the Father
  - John 14:10-11
    - Does the Father physically dwell in the body of Jesus, while Jesus is located in the Father?
    - Relationship, unity
- ◎ Jesus dwelling in His Father, and the disciples in Jesus, and Jesus in His disciples
  - John 14:20
    - Relationship through abiding in His word
- ◎ Christians in both the Father and the Son
  - John 17:21
    - Relationship through abiding in His word

## God dwells in the Christian and the Christian dwells in God

- 2 Corinthians 6:16
  - God dwelling in the Christian
  - From Exodus 29:45. cf. Deuteronomy 12:5; 1 Kings 8:12-13, 27
  - Walk not literal
  - Dwell in not literal
- Psalm 90:1
  - God is our dwelling place
- 1 John 4:13, 15, 16
  - God abides in us
  - We abide in God
  - Through being faithful to God's teachings
- God the Father dwelling in the Christian
- The Christian dwelling in God the Father
- These are not speaking of geographical location
- These are speaking of relationship and fellowship by living according to God's teachings

## Christ dwells in the Christian and the Christian dwells in Christ

- ⊙ Galatians 2:20
  - Christ living in Paul
  - Can't be literal, because Paul wants to depart and be with Christ (Philippians 1:23)
- ⊙ Ephesians 3:17
  - Christ dwelling in the Christian
    - By faith
      - Romans 1:16
- ⊙ John 6:56
  - Those who do His will abide in Christ
  - Christ abides in those who do His will
- ⊙ 1 John 2:24
  - Christian abides in the Son and in the Father
    - IF His Word abides in you
- ⊙ Christ dwelling in the Christian
- ⊙ The Christian dwelling in Christ
- ⊙ These are not speaking of geographical location
- ⊙ These are speaking of relationship and fellowship by living according to the will of Christ



# The Holy Spirit dwells in the Christian and the Christian dwells in the Holy Spirit

- ◎ 1 Corinthians 6:19
  - The Holy spirit dwelling in the Christian
  - The Christian's body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.
    - Remember how God dwells in the temple, but not literally?
- ◎ Romans 8:9; Galatians 5:25
  - The Christian is in the Spirit
  - The Spirit dwells in the Christian
- ◎ The Holy Spirit dwelling in the Christian
- ◎ The Christian dwelling in the Holy Spirit
- ◎ These are not speaking of geographical location
- ◎ These are speaking of relationship and fellowship by living according to the Spirit's teaching