

THE HOLY SPIRIT

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- **Are you in the flesh literally? If you are alive, then you are in the flesh literally.**
 - If “in the flesh” is literal, then nobody alive can please God!
- **Living in the flesh: Figurative. Not literal. Walking according to the flesh; setting mind on things of the flesh (fleshly minded); not living subordinate to, subjecting self to, the law of God**

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- Living in the flesh was not literal; why would the opposite – living in the Spirit – be literal?
- Living in the Spirit and the Spirit dwelling in you: Figurative. Not literal. Walking according to the law of the Spirit; setting mind on things of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:14); living subordinate to or in subjection to the law of God; led by the Spirit of God; sons of God
- Spirit is in you, Christ is in you

Romans 8 Contrasts

In the Spirit	In the flesh
Walk according to the Spirit – v.4	Walk according to the flesh
Set mind on things of the Spirit – v.5	Set mind on things of the flesh
Spiritually minded – v.6	Carnally minded
Fruit is life & peace with God – v.7	Fruit is death
At peace in fellowship with God	Enmity against God – v.7
In subjection to the law of God – v.7	Not in subjection to the law of God
Spirit of God dwells in you – v.9	Spirit of God does not dwell in you
In the Spirit – v.9	In the flesh
Has Spirit of Christ	Does not have Spirit of Christ – v.9
Christ's	Not Christ's – v.9
Christ in you – v.10	Christ not in you

Parallels

- ⦿ Ephesians 5:18-19
 - “And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but **be filled with the Spirit, 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.”
- ⦿ Obeying the instruction to be filled with the Spirit is accomplished by letting the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom
- ⦿ What is the connection between the Spirit and the word of Christ?
 - The Spirit delivered the word of Christ
 - The word of Christ is the Spirit’s message
 - To be filled with the Spirit is to be filled with His message, the word of Christ...and living according to it

Parallels

⦿ Ephesians 3:17

- “For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be **strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith;**”

⦿ Colossians 1:9-11

- “For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be **filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;** that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; **strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power,** for all patience and longsuffering with joy;”

The Word working in the believer

- ◎ 1 Thessalonians 2:13
- ◎ Life-giving spirituality
 - John 6:63, 35, 51, 44-45, 47-48
- ◎ Producing fruit
 - Colossians 1:9-11
 - Galatians 5:22-23
 - Ephesians 3:17
- ◎ The word enlightens – gives light
 - Psalm 19:8; 119:130

God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit dwell in the Christian, but not literally. Deity dwelling in the Christian indicates relationship and fellowship when the Christian minds the things of the Spirit and lives in subjection to the things of the Spirit.

Why do so many want some literal dwelling in or direct influence of the Holy Spirit?

- ⦿ Misunderstanding of who the Holy Spirit is
- ⦿ Calvinism
- ⦿ Subjective feelings

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 - True. The Spirit is the revealer and the Bible is the revelation. The Bible is the product of the Spirit, but it is not the Spirit.
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 - E) performs works of divine power – creation (Job 26:13), miracles (Matthew 12:28), revelation (1 Corinthians 2:13), regeneration (John 3:5)
 - F) all of the above

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 - 3 times – Acts 17:29; Romans 1:20; Colossians 2:9

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- Matthew 3:16-17
- Matthew 28:19
- Luke 3:21-22
- Ephesians 4:4-6
- John 15:26; 14:16, 26; 16:7, 13-15

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- D) foretelling of redemption – Isaiah 11:1-3; 61:1-3
- E) all of the above