

Doctrinal Studies

Indwelling of the Holy Spirit

1. The fact of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in the Church Age:
 - a. Romans 8:9 "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he in none of his."
 - b. I Corinthians 6:19,20 "What? Know ye not that you body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."
 - c. Galatians 3:2 "This only would I learn of you, received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?"
 - d. Galatians 4:6 "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father."
2. The indwelling of the Spirit is called both "unction" and "anointing."
 - a. I John 2:20 "But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things."
 - b. I John 2:27 "But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him."
3. Prophecy of the indwelling Spirit for the Church Age is found in:
 - a. John 7:37 – 39; John 14:16,17
4. The indwelling of the Spirit must be distinguished from the indwelling of Christ.
 - a. Christ indwells believers for the purpose of fellowship. Romans 8:10; II Corinthians. 13:5. Maximum fellowship with Christ comes from the building of the Spiritual House of the Soul. Ephesians 3:17 "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love...."
 - b. The Holy Spirit indwells believers for function.
I Corinthians 6:19, 20

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5. Indwelling of the Spirit distinguished from the filling of the Spirit.
 - a. Indwelling occurs at the point of salvation and never changes.
Galatians 3:2
 - b. Filling is an experience and is commanded in Ephesians 5:18 "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be fill with the Spirit. Filling is lost through carnality. Ephesians 4:30 "And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."
6. Function of the Holy Spirit is the GSC (Grace System of Comprehension – God's grace plan for the believer to learn and understand the Bible.)
Functions of the Holy Spirit are understanding the Word, sharing (exhaling) the Word, and building the Spiritual House of the Soul.
 - a. John 14:26; John 16:12-15;
 - b. I Corinthians 2:9-16; I John 2:27.