

Home Group Leader's Notes
Week of May 4, 2025
"Powerful" #2 – The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit



ALONE vs. WITH

When is having friend or family "with you" especially important in your life?

LEARN FROM GOD'S WORD

On the evening that Jesus shared that He was returning to the Father, He made it clear that He would not leave us alone. Read and record what you learn about His promise of the presence of the Holy Spirit.

What do we learn about Jesus' promise of the indwelling (living within) by the Holy Spirit?

John 7:37-39 Now on the last day, the great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified. Early on, Jesus promised that the Spirit of God would be given to us by God, live within us, and flow our God's blessings that would satisfy our thirst for God.

John 14:16-17 "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; *that is* the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you. In the upper room, Jesus said that He would continue to be with us (remain, abide) by sending the Holy Spirit to be with and in us.

Scriptures that reveal the indwelling of the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 3:16 Do you not know that you are a temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you? As God dwelled in the Holy of Holies in the temple of the Old Testament, now, God dwells and lives in us.

1 Corinthians 6:19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? Here, the Apostle Paul reminds the readers that God dwells in them and such, they are not their own. With God dwelling within, He now has the title deed to our bodies.

Colossians 3:11 ¹¹ *a renewal* in which there is no *distinction between* Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all. The same Spirit of God is in all believers with no exception for race or class.

Scriptures that reveal the benefits of the indwelling Holy Spirit

John 14:18-20 ¹⁸ "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ "After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you *will* see Me; because I live, you will live also. ²⁰ "In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

Jesus' message, on the evening of His arrest, was as follows:

- He would not leave them as orphans without a family / parents
- He would come to us
- He would live and we would live also
- He would be in us

John 16:13-14 ¹³ "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. ¹⁴ "He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose *it* to you.

Jesus promised / prophesied that ...

- The Holy Spirit is also the Spirit of truth (just as Jesus had been teaching / revealing God
- The Holy Spirit would guide us into all the truth
- The Holy Spirit would, as Jesus did, speak from God
- The Holy Spirit would disclose things to come
- The Holy Spirit would glorify Jesus as He passes on the words of Jesus

Romans 5:5 ⁵ and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

The Holy Spirit, who was given and indwelling us would pour into / within our hearts the love of God.

2 Corinthians 5:1-5 For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ² For indeed in this *house* we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven, ³ inasmuch as we, having put it on, will not be found naked. ⁴ For indeed while we are in this tent, we groan, being burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed but to be clothed, so that what is mortal will be swallowed up by life. ⁵ Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave to us the Spirit as a pledge.

God sent the indwelling Holy Spirit as a pledge that we will one day eternally dwell / live in heaven.

DISCUSS TOGETHER

What does the indwelling of the Holy Spirit mean to you? How do you experience His presence?

For me (Steve), I know that God is with me, which helps me to 'not fear.' Instead, I live with the hope (confidence) that I will one day be with God, that God's power and presence is working in and through me. This is a daily practice as I start and end my days and trust Him to teach, lead, forgive, and empower.

Have you ever felt like God departed from you or that you no longer had His favor?

For me (Steve), there have been many times when I felt like I had lost God's favor or that God was far from me. The experience of 'the dark night of the soul' has come over me many times.

How does learning that the Holy Spirit dwells in us help us with fear or anxiety? Or, feeling powerless or alone?

God and others have used this truth to remind me that I am His forever and nothing can separate me from the love of God.

APPLY IT THIS WEEK

Look for a time to sit with God this week. Ask Him to help you believe that He is in you and wants you to know that you are His son or daughter forever. In addition, ask Him to reveal Himself to you throughout the week through His Word, His people, and His leading.

PLEASE PRAY

- Give thanks to God for His works of power in our worlds, church, and our own lives
- Please pray that our church family would live as His temple to be God's presence in our worlds, representing in the power of the Holy Spirit
- Please pray for our mission as we endeavor to make disciples who make disciples

He is able!

Steve