



## God's Indwelling of the Believer

The body of every Church Age believer is indwelt by each member of the Trinity. This is the only dispensation in human history where the believer's body is indwelt by God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. This indwelling is permanent and cannot be changed. It is also independent of whether the believer is spiritual or carnal.

All Church Age believers are indwelt by God the Father. John 14:23; Eph. 4:6; 2 John 1:9; Phil. 2:13.

*"Jesus answered and said to him, 'If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him.'" (John 14:23, NASB)*

*"one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all." (Ephesians 4:6, NASB)*

*"Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son." (2 John 1:9, NASB)*

*"for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure." (Philippians 2:13, NASB)*

All Church Age believers are indwelt by God the Son. John 14:20; John 17:22-23; Rom. 8:10; 2 Cor. 13:5; Gal. 2:20; Col. 1:27; 1 John 3:24.

*"In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you." (John 14:20, NASB)*

*"The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me." (John 17:22-23, NASB)*

*"If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness." (Romans 8:10, NASB)*

*"Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test?" (2 Corinthians 13:5, NASB)*

*"to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." (Colossians 1:27, NASB)*

All Church Age believers are indwelt by God the Holy Spirit. Rom. 8:11; 1 Cor. 3:16; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; 2 Cor. 6:16.

*"But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you." (Romans 8:11, NASB)*

*"Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" (1 Corinthians 3:16, NASB)*

*"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? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body." (1 Corinthians 6:19-20, NASB)*

*"Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, 'I WILL DWELL IN THEM AND WALK AMONG THEM; AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD,'*



*AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.” (2 Corinthians 6:16, NASB)*

God the Father has provided each believer with unique grace resources. The indwelling of every Church Age believer by each member of the infinite, eternal, and omnipresent Trinity is the most unusual grace provision in human history. This has not and will not occur in any other dispensation.

**Indwelling of God the Father**

God the Father indwells the body of every Church Age believer to glorify His plan for the Church Age. His indwelling is assurance of His work in eternity past on behalf of each Church Age believer. John 14:23; Eph 4:6; 2 John 1:9

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The indwelling of God the Father provides blessings to the believer while on earth and in eternity. God the Father indwells us in order that these might become a reality. His presence guarantees the availability of those blessings.

He has designed the spiritual life for every Church Age believer by which we execute His plan, purpose, and will for our lives. He is the author of the plan of God. Part of that perfect plan is an individual plan and ministry for every Church Age believer. The indwelling of God the Father glorifies His plan for the Church Age. Eph. 1:3; Eph. 1:6; Eph. 1:12.

*“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,” (Ephesians 1:3, NASB)*

*“to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.” (Ephesians 1:6, NASB)*

*“to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory.” (Ephesians 1:12, NASB)*

The indwelling of God the Father in every Church Age believer is unique and without precedent. It is a part of the mystery doctrine of the Church Age. Never before in history has any believer been indwelt by God the Father.

**Indwelling of God the Son, Jesus Christ**

The deity of Jesus Christ as the Shekinah Glory indwells the body of every Church Age believer. This is unique in human history. Rom. 8:10; Col. 1:27.

*“If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.” (Romans 8:10, NASB)*

*“to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.” (Colossians 1:27, NASB)*

For the Church Age, Jesus Christ is not visible to mankind on earth and will continue to reside in the third heaven until the Rapture of the Church. The indwelling of the deity of Jesus Christ as the Shekinah Glory is our guarantee that God will provide His unlimited grace resources including the enabling divine



power of the Holy Spirit who empowers the believer to live the spiritual life and to fulfill God's plan for your life.

The indwelling of the deity of Jesus Christ as the Shekinah Glory is our guarantee that divine blessings will be given to the believer who advances in the spiritual life and fulfills the plan of God for their lives. The indwelling of Jesus Christ guarantees our eternal security, our eternal life after death and a resurrection body at the Rapture of the Church and into eternity.

The indwelling of Jesus Christ is a sign that every Church Age believer is a member of the family of God, a royal priesthood. The indwelling of Jesus Christ is the basis for the believer assigning top priority to their relationship with God over relationships with people. This relationship is tested by your attitude toward Bible doctrine.

Knowing that Jesus Christ indwells your body becomes the motivation and confidence you need to advance to spiritual maturity. Jesus Christ now indwells you as a guarantee of your security, riches, and blessings both in this life and in eternity. Jesus Christ conveys those blessings to His own righteousness in us.

Christ indwells us to motivate us to keep advancing spiritually. If you understand the doctrine of the indwelling of Christ, you will have the capacity to enjoy your grace blessings without being destroyed from lack of capacity. See category on [Jesus Christ, Indwelling](#).

### **Indwelling of God the Holy Spirit**

From the moment of salvation onward, God the Holy Spirit permanently indwells the body of every Church Age believer. The Holy Spirit indwells the body of every Church Age believer to make their bodies a suitable temple for the indwelling of the deity of Jesus Christ as the Shekinah Glory and for the permanent indwelling of God the Father. The Holy Spirit also indwells the body of every Church Age believer to provide a base of operation for the use of His omnipotence to empower the believer's spiritual life via the filling of the Holy Spirit. The believer can then grow spiritually and execute the plan of God in the spiritual life. John 7:39; Rom. 5:5; Rom. 8:9; Rom. 8:11; John 14:17; 1 Cor. 3:16; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; Gal. 3:2; Gal. 4:6; 1 John 3:24; 1 Cor. 2:12; 2 Cor. 1:21; 2 Cor 6:16.

*"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." (John 7:39, NASB)*

*"However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him." (Romans 8:9, NASB)*

*"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." (John 14:17, NASB)*

*"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? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body." (1 Corinthians 6:19-20, NASB)*

*"The one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. We know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us." (1 John 3:24, NASB)*

*"Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, "I WILL DWELL IN THEM AND WALK AMONG THEM; AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE." (2 Corinthians 6:16, NASB)*



The indwelling of the Holy Spirit in every believer was prophesied prior to the beginning of the Church Age by Jesus Christ. This indwelling was impossible before Jesus Christ had ascended and was glorified. See category on [Holy Spirit, Indwelling](#).