

# The Holy Spirit

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- Roughly 14-15 Scripture references to the Spirit dwelling in us (Personal Study)
  - Many use the word “dwell” – which is to tabernacle
  - Often speaks of the Spirit “that is within you”

Isaiah 57:15 (ESV)

**15** For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:

**“I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit,**

to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.

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1 Thessalonians 4:7–8 (ESV)

<sup>7</sup> For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. <sup>8</sup> Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, **who gives his Holy Spirit to you.**

Romans 8:9–11 (ESV)

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- No argument that the Spirit is said to “dwell” with the Christian
- The Questions we must answer & are debated are the following:
  1. When does the Spirit first begin to dwell with man?
  2. In what way does the Spirit dwell with man? Literal or Relational?
  3. What does the Spirit’s indwelling do for the Christian?

# When does the Spirit begin to dwell?

Acts 2:38 (ESV)

<sup>38</sup> And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, **and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

Ephesians 1:13–14 (ESV)

<sup>13</sup> In him you also, **when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,** <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

# When does the Spirit begin to dwell?

1 Corinthians 12:12–13 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> **For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.**

Titus 3:5 (ESV)

<sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, **by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,**

# Dwelling: Literal or Relational?

Some argue the Scriptures teach a literal/physical dwelling of the Spirit inside our body.

1 Corinthians 6:18–19 (ESV)

<sup>18</sup> Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.

<sup>19</sup> **Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?** You are not your own,

Ephesians 3:16 (ESV)

<sup>16</sup> that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be **strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,**

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1 John 4:12 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, **God abides in us** and his love is perfected in us.

John 14:23 (ESV)

<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered 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 home with him.**”

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Psalm 139:7–8 (ESV)

<sup>7</sup> **Where shall I go from your Spirit?** Or where shall I flee from your presence?

<sup>8</sup> If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

1 Kings 8:27 (ESV)

<sup>27</sup> “But will God indeed dwell on the earth? **Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built!**

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Isaiah 66:1 (ESV)

**66** Thus says the LORD:

“Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool; **what is the house that you would build for me, and what is the place of my rest?**”

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- So what does it mean for the Spirit to dwell with us?

𐤊𐤍𐤏 shaken (1014d); a prim. root; *to settle down, abide, dwell*

2730. *κατοικέω katoikeō; from 2596 and 3611; to inhabit, to settle:*

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Isaiah 57:18–19 (ESV)

<sup>18</sup> I have seen his ways, but I will heal him; **I will lead him and restore comfort to him** and his mourners,

<sup>19</sup> creating the fruit of the lips. **Peace, peace, to the far and to the near,**” says the LORD, **“and I will heal him.”**

1 Kings 8:28–29 (ESV)

<sup>28</sup> Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his plea, O LORD my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that your servant prays before you this day,

<sup>29</sup> **that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you have said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that you may listen to the prayer that your servant offers toward this place.**

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1 Kings 9:3 (ESV)

<sup>3</sup> And the LORD said to him, "I have heard your prayer and your plea, which you have made before me. **I have consecrated this house that you have built, by putting my name there forever. My eyes and my heart will be there for all time.**

Isaiah 66:2 (ESV)

<sup>2</sup> All these things my hand has made, and so all these things came to be, declares the LORD.

**But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word.**

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Haggai 2:3–9 (ESV)

<sup>3</sup> 'Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? **How do you see it now? Is it not as nothing in your eyes?** <sup>4</sup> Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, declares the LORD. Be strong, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land, declares the LORD. **Work, for I am with you,** declares the LORD of hosts, <sup>5</sup> according to the covenant that I made with you when you came out of Egypt. **My Spirit remains in your midst. Fear not.** <sup>6</sup> For thus says the LORD of hosts: Yet once more, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land. <sup>7</sup> And I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in, **and I will fill this house with glory,** says the LORD of hosts. <sup>8</sup> The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, declares the LORD of hosts. <sup>9</sup> **The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts. And in this place I will give peace, declares the LORD of hosts.' "**

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Isaiah 32:15 (ESV)

<sup>15</sup> until the **Spirit is poured upon us** from on high, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is deemed a forest.

Isaiah 44:3 (ESV)

<sup>3</sup> For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will **pour my Spirit** upon your offspring, and **my blessing** on your descendants.