



Romans

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**Welcome to the
Trilacoochee church
of Christ Sunday
morning Bible study.**

**We will study lesson
nine, chapter eight
of the Book of
Romans.**

The Indwelling Of The Holy Spirit

- The bodily indwelling movement is relatively new; institutionalism predates it.
 - Dwain Evans in 1962 created the Exodus Movement among institutional churches (Sell home, quit jobs, and move to a new place to start a church), also began the first widespread teaching of the literal indwelling (Reviving the Ancient Faith, Richard Hughes, pages 335-7)
 - Campus Evangelism under Jim Bevis and Charles Shelton spread the movement to conservative institutional groups (Ibid 347).
 - Pat Boone in 1968 claimed to have received the literal indwelling that conferred miraculous power (Ibid 338-9).
- There were isolated groups dating back before this, but the bulk of this movement finds its roots in the experimental doctrines of progressive institutional preachers in the early 1960s, and quickly spread to both ends of the spectrum.

The Indwelling Of The Holy Spirit

- Motivation:
 - Among liberals - a desire for something new and subjectively emotive
 - Among conservatives - social loneliness and isolation creates a strong desire for a closer than Biblically explicable relationship with God.
- Authorization:
 - Among liberals - a lack of respect for what is written
 - Among conservatives - a weakness in understanding of what is written about the Holy Spirit

The Indwelling Of The Holy Spirit

- The Holy Spirit dwells in us
 - 2Tim. 1:14 - “That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.”
- That the Spirit dwells in us is beyond dispute scripturally.

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- But God also dwells within us
 - 2Cor. 6:16 - “And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people.”
- And Christ dwells within us
 - Eph. 3:17 - “That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith...”

The Indwelling Of The Holy Spirit

- Nothing in the scriptures suggests that the indwelling of the Spirit is unique from the indwelling of God and Christ. Those who assert a difference are required to give evidence for their assertion (burden of proof). None exists.

The Indwelling Of The Holy Spirit

- Deity indwells man by means of an agency
- God dwells in us through the agency of love
 - 1John 4:12, 16 - “No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. 16 And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.”
- The indwelling of God within us through love influences us to love others
 - 1John 4:7-11, 13, 19, 21

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- Christ dwells in us through the agency of faith
 - Gal. 2:20 - “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”
- The indwelling of Christ within us through faith influences us to dedicate ourselves to Him and to persevere in trial.
 - Eph. 3:17-19; Col. 1:27-29

The Indwelling Of The Holy Spirit

- The Holy Spirit dwells in us through the agency of the word and directs our lives through the revealed word.
 - Eph. 5:18-19 - “And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord”
 - Col. 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.”

The Indwelling Of The Holy Spirit

- The Bible itself is not the Spirit, but the Bible is the agency or means by which the Spirit guides us.
 - Rom. 8:4-9, 12-17
- Does the Holy Spirit as a being immediately and without means enter into and inhabit the body of a Christian separate and apart from the influence of His revealed word?
 - If so, how does this differ from demon possession?
 - If so, what does He do for the Christian as a result of this bodily indwelling that is not said to be accomplished through the medium of His teaching in the revealed word?
 - If so, how does this affect Bible truth regarding the action of human will in obedience? (free moral agency)

The Word is the agency through which the Spirit influences us.

- The Spirit might give faith
- He might give new birth
- He might give light
- He might give wisdom
- He might convert souls
- Word does that - Rom. 10:17
- Word does that - 1Peter 1:23
- Word does that - Psalm 119:130
- Word does that - 2Tim. 2:14-15; Psalm 19:7
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- The Spirit might open eyes
- He might quicken
- He might give understanding
- He might sanctify
- He might save
- Word does that - Psalm 19:8
- Word does that - Psalm 119:50
- Word does that - Psalm 119:104
- Word does that - John 17:17
- Word does that - James 1:21

The Word is the agency through which the Spirit influences us.

- The Spirit might purify
- He might cleanse
- He might make men free from sin
- He might build up
- Word does that - 1Peter 1:22
- Word does that - John 15:3
- Word does that - Rom. 6:17-18
- Word does that - Acts 20:32

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- **Everything the Bible says that the Spirit does for us is accomplished through the word, just as Christ lives and works in us through faith, and God lives and works in us through love.**