

THE EARTHLY HOME OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Introduction: On earth, the Holy Spirit enlightens people about Jesus and their need of His salvation, then upon their belief in Jesus, the Holy Spirit indwells the believer. Some believe and of course teach that there are phases to salvation: the first work is salvation and then the second phase is a work of Grace, then the Holy Spirit is given AFTER a certain level/style of life is attained by the believer. This "belief" is not supported by the Scriptures however.

God does demand Holy living of every believer/Christian but God provides the power for every believer/Christian to live such a Holy life.

The indwelling/empowerment of/by the Holy Spirit occurs at the moment of salvation, not at some later time as some tend to believe, and no human effort or merit is involved. The Holy Spirit's FILLING comes as the believer's life is adjusted to the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

I. GOD'S WORD IS CLEAR ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. **John 7:37-39** - All who believe receive the Holy Spirit WHEN they believe. The only human condition necessary for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit is his/her believing in Jesus. There are not two (2) separate happenings/events.
2. **John 14:16-17; 1 John 2:27** - The Holy Spirit NEVER leaves the believer. It is BELIEF, not one's manner of life that brings the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.
3. **Acts 11:17** - Gentiles received eternal life and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, as the indwelling of the Holy Spirit is a part of SALVATION. Not a separate things.
4. **Romans 5:5** - There is no distinction made by the Holy Spirit, ALL who believe are indwelt.
5. **Romans 8:9** - There is no such thing as a Christian without the Holy Spirit indwelling him/her. There is no such thing as "half a Christian."
6. **Romans 8:23** - There is no special class among Christians. "Ourselves" pertains to every believer.
7. **1 Corinthians 2:12** - God intends for every Christian to be instructed by the Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit enlightens - ONLY the Holy Spirit for without the Holy Spirit, there is NO spiritual knowledge.
8. **1 Corinthians 6:19-20** - No elite Christian group is favored for the Holy Spirit's filling. The Corinthians were very carnal, yet Paul speaks of their having the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is not secured by a Holy life.
9. **1 Corinthians 12:13** - There are indeed some "unworthy" Christians yet they are still ONE in the Holy Spirit.
10. **2 Corinthians 5:5** - The Holy Spirit's indwelling the believer is God's "mark" on him/her. The Holy Spirit is God's "down payment" and assurance of God's ownership.
11. **Galatians 3:2** - The Holy Spirit comes at the moment of salvation by the person's faith in Jesus.
12. **Galatians 4:6** - The Holy Spirit is given because at the moment of salvation that person is God's. Holy life does not bring the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.
13. **1 John 3:24; 4:13** - There is not a single believer/Christian excluded of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

II. THE ANOINTING AND INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ARE THE SAME

1. *2 Corinthians 1:21-22*

2. There are four (4) immediate results of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit:
 - The believer is placed "in" Jesus Christ.
 - The believer is "anointed" by God.
 - The believer is sealed by God.
 - God's "down payment" to the believer has been made (assurance of eternal life).

III. LOGIC/REASON SAYS THE HOLY SPIRIT INDWELLS AT SALVATION

1. God demands a Holy life, therefore He supplies to every believer, without exception that power to live the life demanded by God.
2. To enable one to live a Holy life is God's responsibility.
3. Adjusting to the Holy Spirit (the enabling power) is the believer's part.
4. There is no such thing as a Christian who has not been given ALL he/she needs to live and do God's will as God wants.
5. There ARE NOT two standards of living for the Christian such as: Ordinary and Special filled.
6. God's Word never tells the Christian to seek the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, but God's Word does speak of seeking to be FILLED (*Ephesians 5:18*) and there is a difference.

CONCLUSION:

1. The presence of the Holy Spirit comes at the moment of Salvation and is not conditional on any human effort.
2. The Holy Spirit indwells the believer permanently.
3. The Holy Spirit is the enabling power the believer needs to live a Holy life.
4. The Holy Spirit seals/preserves the believer.
5. The Holy Spirit's indwelling assures the believer that God will always be his/her's.
6. The Holy Spirit's indwelling assures the believer that he/she will always belong to God.