10-23-2016 IS THE HOLY SPIRIT AT HOME IN YOU?

The Lord Jesus told His disciples they would be receiving the Holy Spirit.

The primary name Jesus used of Himself was **“Son of man”**, **(St. John 1:51; 12:34)**

It emphasizes His Messianic office and uniquely identifies His humanity.

The Messianic nature of this title is tied to Daniel’s vision of the Ancient of Days.

When Steven spoke of seeing the **“Son of Man”** standing on the right hand of God, he clearly referred to the Messiah. (Acts 7: 56)

As Messiah, Jesus fulfilled three anointed offices of prophet, priest, and king.

**Today Jesus is:**

Prophet, spokesman for God

Priest, our representative before God

King, ruler in the lives of God’s people

As Christ, is equal to the Father in nature, separate in person, yet submissive in duties. **(St. John 1:51; 18:5-8)**

He is God! **(St. John 5:17-47)**

Jesus, the Messiah, the Christ, (anointed One) said, **“The Holy Spirit is not just going to be with you, He is going to be in you.”**

**FIRST:** Jesus promised the coming of Holy Spirit

**St. John 14:16-17, 26; 15:26; 16: 7-13; 19-23; St. Luke 24: 46-49**

**SECOND:** The Holy Spirit came as promised

**Acts 2:1-4; 4:8, 31; 5:32; 6:3; 7:55-56; 8: 14-17; 9: 17; 10: 44-48**

**THIRD:** The Holy Spirit now lives in the **“Called out ones”** (believers).

**Eph. 3: 1, 14-21** Prayer

Question: **Is He at home in our hearts?**

**Eph. 3:14-21** NKJV

The prayer Paul prayed for the church was to strengthen the believer and make possible for each one to come completely under the lordship of Jesus Christ through consecration and intimate fellowship.

The apostle Paul prayed for the church at Ephesus and revealed three things to us.

1. **Christ’s presence be made alive in our hearts** **(Eph. 3:16-17; Ro. 8:9-10)**
2. **Believers be grounded in love for God and others** **(Eph. 3:18-19)**
3. **Believers filled with the fullness of God** **(Eph. 3:19)**

**Note:** The Spirit of God so fill us that we reflect and manifest the character and stature which belongs to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul prayed that Christ dwell in the hearts of the saints.

The word ***“dwell”*** is from a Greek word made up of two words.

One word meaning, ***“to live in a home”***

The other word meaning, ***“down”***

Paul prayed that the Lord may live in our hearts as His home.

He already lives in our heart.

Paul must mean, ***“Does He feel at home in our hearts”***

The verb tense speaks of finality, the word for ***“down”*** speaking of permanency.

The translation being, ***“That Christ may finally settle down and feel completely at home in your hearts”***

**Note:** It is one thing to be in a person’s home, another thing to feel completely at home there.

**PROMISE:** Our Lord condescends to live in the heart of a sinner saved by grace.

**BLESSING:** What an honor to have such a guest in our hearts.

1. Do we make Him feel at home?
2. Does He have free access to all parts of our heart life, or is He shut out of somethings?
3. Is He our constant companion, or are we occupied with things not considered consistent with our fellowship with Him?
4. Is He Lord of our lives, the invited guest to occupy the throne room of our hearts?

**Note:** Many have tried to make Jesus Lord of their life, but have failed because they have tried in their own strength.

No man calls Jesus Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

Paul prayed that we might be strengthened with might by the Spirit in order that Christ might finally settle down and feel completely at home in our hearts.

The secret of the Lordship of Jesus, is a desire that the Holy Spirit make Him Lord of our lives, and a trust in the Spirit to accomplish that for us.

**Prayer once again:**

This is the reason I kneel in the presence of the Father from whom all the family in heaven and on earth receives its name.

I’m asking God to give you a gift from the wealth of His glory. I pray that he would give you inner strength and power through His Spirit.

Then Christ will live in you through faith. I also pray that love may be the ground into which you sink your roots and on which you have your foundation.

This way, with all of God’s people you will be able to understand how wide, long, high, and deep his love is.

You will know Christ’s love, which goes far beyond any knowledge. I am praying this so that you may be completely filled with God.

Glory belongs to God, whose power is at work in us. By this power he can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

Glory belongs to God in the church and in Christ Jesus for all time and eternity! Amen.

**PRAYER:**