

It is important to ensure fellowship with God before the study of the Word.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (**1 John 1:9**).

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

“Do you not know” - οὐκ οἴδατε – Correctly translated *“Do y’all not know”*

- ✓ Paul is addressing born again believers living in the city of Corinth in the 1st Century AD.
- ✓ The reference here is on knowing something conceived as *vivid or real*.
- ✓ The need to learn the Bible doctrine indicating that the Spirit of God has taken up permanent residence in the believer
- ✓ Therefore, God the Holy Spirit is present within the believer, ready to fulfill all that He was sent to do to enable the believer to live His life for the glory of God.
- ✓ The Corinthians **were not** living their lives for the glory of God, even though they had been saved.
- ✓ The Corinthians **were not** depending upon the One who was sent to enable them to live that life.

*Do y’all not know . . . the Spirit of God **dwells** in you?*

“Dwells” - οἰκέω – ΟΙΚΕΟ – *“To inhabit or dwell - to take up residence somewhere”*

The Spirit of God continually indwells the believer.

POD (review) - The work that the Spirit of God was sent to do to enable the Christian to live his life originates from *within*.

- ✓ This is why it is vitally important, as a born again believer living in the Church Age, to learn the Spirit’s ways with you.
- ✓ He is a Person, invisible yet known.
- ✓ As He begins to manifest Himself in your life *from within*, you get to know Him.
- ✓ Getting to know Him begins by learning what He was sent to do in your life.

1 Corinthians 6:19 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?

Paul is emphasizing the importance of possessing an experiential reality of the fact that God the Holy Spirit has taken up permanent residence in the believer.

- ✓ God the Holy Spirit is a person. As such, He is not subject to subdivision.
- ✓ You do not receive MORE or LESS of Him at various times in your life.
- ✓ As you walk in dependence and are malleable to God’s will in your life, the Holy Spirit will secure a GREATER area of influence in your life.

“Temple” - ναός – NAOS – “Temple”

- ✓ “Temple” communicates to the Corinthian frame of reference.
- ✓ Corinth was famous for her pagan temples.
- ✓ Temples were built by the people so that their gods could live among them.
- ✓ Paul is saying that the Spirit of God has taken up **permanent residence IN** the Christian.
- ✓ Your body is a temple - the Holy Spirit **lives IN you**.

Think about this in light of the Jewish frame of reference.

What did David want to do?

- ✓ Build a permanent temple
- ✓ What was the temple for? For God to dwell in.

Where did he get that idea?

- ✓ That idea started with Moses.
- ✓ And where did Moses get the idea? - - **From God** - -

Exodus 25:1

Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ² “Tell the sons of Israel to raise a contribution for Me; from every man whose heart moves him you shall raise My contribution.

What is this contribution going to be used for?

⁸ “Let them construct a sanctuary for Me, that I may dwell among them.

What does God do?

He provides the architectural design and building plans for the sanctuary – tabernacle.
A portable temple [Chapters 25-27]

Then what does He do?

He provides the divine protocol for the priests to minister to Him [Chapters 28–29].

Exodus 29:43-45

“I will meet there with the sons of Israel, and it shall be consecrated by My glory. ⁴⁴ “I will consecrate the tent of meeting and the altar; I will also consecrate Aaron and his sons to minister as priests to Me. ⁴⁵ “I will dwell among the sons of Israel and will be their God.

Where is there? - The tent of meeting

Compare that to Paul’s statement

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2 Samuel 7:2 David wants to build a permanent house for the Lord.

2 Samuel 7:1-7

Now it came about when the king [*David*] lived in his house, and the LORD had given him rest on every side from all his enemies, ² that the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells within tent curtains.”

In vs. 3 Nathan tells David to start building a temple.

4 But in the same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying, 5 “Go and say to My servant David, “Thus says the LORD, “Are you the one who should build Me a house to dwell in? 6 “For I have not dwelt in a house since the day I brought up the sons of Israel from Egypt, even to this day; but I have been moving about in a tent, even in a tabernacle.

Where is the tabernacle of God today? **In the born-again believer!**

The Holy Spirit has taken up permanent residence in you!

The Holy Spirit goes wherever you go!

The Holy Spirit is there.

1 Corinthians 6:19

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?

Who owns the house? - The One who indwells it - The Spirit of God. It is His temple!

We are a Church Age believer-priesthood.

- The New Testament reveals that we have a supernatural way of life and it is supernatural because of the indwelling presence of God the Holy Spirit.
- He has been sent to enable you to live this life for the glory of God and that is why you must learn Bible doctrine to know what He was sent to do and begin to depend upon Him.
 - Everything the Holy Spirit does, He does *from within*.

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One of the things God the Holy Spirit was sent to do was to **lead** you; the *leading of the Spirit*.

Chafer, *Systematic Theology* Vol. 6, Page 226

“The leading of the Spirit, as the very term used for this ministry implies, is a most intimate and personal experience. To those who by constant attention and prayer are made familiar with the Spirit’s ways of guiding them, the leading becomes one of the richest experiences known to the believer’s heart.

The importance of substituting infinite wisdom for finite guessing can never be overestimated. It is the purpose of God that a child inside a home shall, through obedience, avail himself of the wisdom of his parents. It is likewise the purpose of God that His own child, through being guided by the Spirit, shall avail himself of the infinite wisdom of God. It is worse than useless for the believer to depend on his own wisdom and even more useless and dangerous for him to seek the wisdom and counsel of others, even if believers.”¹

Page 260 . . .

In view of the vital importance of the leading of the Holy Spirit in each Christian’s life, the ability to be led is one of the most consequential factors in that life. This competency will be gained only through *attention and personal experience*. Every believer should learn to magnify the reality of the Spirit’s indwelling presence and *should become familiar with the Spirit’s ways in respect to his own life*.

- ✓ He’s emphasizing the relationship that we have with the Holy Spirit because He indwells us.

¹Chafer, L. S. (1993). *Systematic theology*. Originally published: Dallas, Texas. : Dallas Seminary Press, 1947-1948. (Vol. 6, Page 226). Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications.

- ✓ Do you think He has taken up permanent residence in you to sit on a couch in your soul and do nothing?
- ✓ That is what you have relegated Him to do if you do not start learning His ways with you.
 - ⇒ That requires a *willingness* to be led. . .
 - ⇒ And a *dependence* upon Him to lead.

Does Bible doctrine tell you where to live or what church to attend? No!

⇒ It tells you *how* to live, but not *where*.

Does Bible doctrine tell you who your pastor-teacher is? No!

- ⇒ It cannot!
- ⇒ Bible doctrine is not a Person.
- ⇒ Bible doctrine is not your God; it is *your food*.

Are you going to rely on Bible doctrine to tell you where to live or who your pastor is?

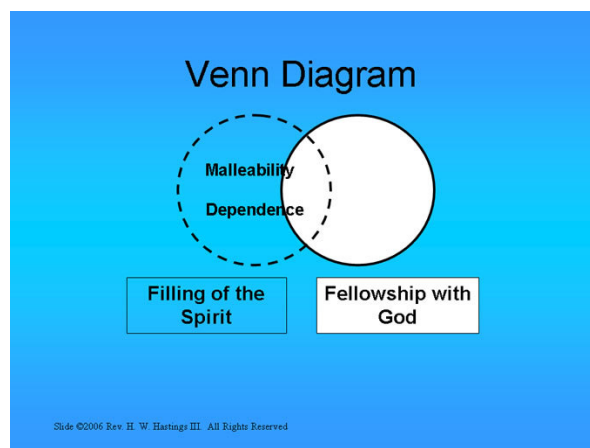
- ⇒ No!
- ⇒ Bible doctrine will help you to evaluate these things.
- ⇒ You must be **dependent** on the Spirit of God who *indwells you!*
- ⇒ The Holy Spirit will **lead you** where you need to go.
- ⇒ The Holy Spirit will let you know who your right pastor-teacher is.
- ⇒ **BUT YOU MUST BE WILLING!**

How does He do this?

- ⇒ His bearing witness ministry
- ⇒ What's your responsibility? Constant attention and prayer

Now we are in a special on the Role of the Holy Spirit to the believer in prayer and you're thinking, what does this have to do with prayer? **EVERYTHING!**

As you learn the Spirit's ways with you, you will be led to pray through His *bearing witness ministry* in your life as you pray.



Continuing on with Dr. Chafer . . .

In light of the fact that leading by the Spirit proves so individual, it should be obvious that it is most dangerous to seek guidance from even the best of men. God may choose to use men to give the direction the believer

needs; still, again, it is not guidance from men, but from the Spirit through such men. To be guided of the Spirit is to be moved through the most delicate relationships the heart can know. ²

Fellowship (**1 John 1:9**)

Malleability and dependence (**Philippians 2:5; Matthew 4:1 ff**)

Prayer

Bible Doctrine as an evaluator.

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