

THE INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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No one can say they know or understand everything about God the Spirit.

Even understanding that God is ONE but made up of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is mind bending for us. (egg analogy; water analogy—solid, liquid, gas)

The mysteries about God are revealed to us in the Bible. Our finite minds cannot completely discern the infinite God.

God's dimension and realm is so above the dimension and realm that we live in and are able to discern. Therefore, it must be revealed to us. (flatland analogy)

The Bible does not reveal all the truth in existence...it reveals all the truth we need and all that is revealed is truth!

With what we see in the Bible about the Holy Spirit, we can break it down into 3 basic categories or 3 measures of the Holy Spirit—the Indwelling of the HS, the Baptism of the HS, the Miraculous Gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is connected with the POWER of God. In Genesis we see that it was the Spirit of God hovering over the waters (Gen 1:2) in creation...the power to create!

The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit is received at baptism (Acts 2:38). As the name implies, the Holy Spirit lives or dwells in us. He does some amazing things for us today! Can't say, "I'm only human" ...we are so much MORE with the SPIRIT! (John 14:16-17)

1. Spirit enables us to comprehend spiritual things...things of the Spirit. (Eph 1:17-20; Eph 3:14-21)
2. Spirit makes us children of God (Romans 8:14-16)
3. Spirit subdues or overcomes the flesh (Romans 8:13)
4. Spirit prays for us (Romans 8:26-27)
5. Spirit guarantees our salvation (Eph 1:13-14; Romans 8:14-17; 2 Corth 1:21-22)
6. Spirit produces fruit (Gal 5:22-25; John 15:8, 16)

Don't put the Spirit of God in some kind of box!

We are POWERFUL PEOPLE! We have the same power living inside us that created this world and that raised Jesus from the dead. We are given the power to do whatever God commands us to do! (Never commanded to create a world or to raise someone from the dead.) But whatever God commands of us, he gives us the power to do. WOW! What a gift!