

# John 14:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

## Analysis

**Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me?** Jesus responds to Philip's request to 'show us the Father' (v.8) with this profound declaration of mutual indwelling (περιχώρησις, perichoresis)—the interpenetration of persons in the Godhead. **I am in the Father** (ἐγὼ ἐν τῷ πατρί) and **the Father in me** (ὁ πατὴρ ἐν ἐμοί) is the foundation of Trinitarian theology, affirming both distinction of persons and unity of essence.

**The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself** (οὐκ ἀπ' ἑμαυτοῦ λαλῶ)—Christ's teaching carries divine authority because it originates from the Father. **The Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works** (ὁ πατὴρ ἐν ἐμοὶ μένων αὐτὸς ποιεῖ τὰ ἔργα)—the verb μένω (meno, 'remain/abide/dwell') emphasizes permanent, continuous indwelling. Jesus's miracles are the Father's works performed through the incarnate Son, demonstrating their inseparable unity of will and action.

## Historical Context

This discourse occurred in the Upper Room on the night before Jesus's crucifixion (c. AD 30). Philip, a disciple from Bethsaida (1:44), had witnessed three years of Jesus's ministry yet still struggled to grasp His deity. Jesus's response corrects this misunderstanding by articulating the mutual indwelling of Father and Son—a

cornerstone doctrine that the early church would formalize in the Nicene Creed (AD 325) as 'God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God.'

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does the mutual indwelling of Father and Son challenge your understanding of Jesus's claim to be 'the way, the truth, and the life' (14:6)?
2. If Christ's words and works originated from the Father dwelling in Him, what does this teach about the nature of divine revelation and authority?

## Interlinear Text

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οὐ	πιστεύεις	ὅτι	ἐγὼ	ἐν	τῷ	πατὴρ	καὶ	ό	πατὴρ
not	Believest thou	that	I	in	G3588	the Father	and	G3588	the Father
G3756	G4100	G3754	G1473	G1722		G3962	G2532		G3962
ἐν	ἐμοὶ	ἐστιν	τὰ	ῥήματα	ἃ	ἐγὼ	λαλῶ,	ὑμῖν	ἀπ'
in	me	me	G3588	the words	that	I	I speak	unto you	of
G1722	G1698	G2076		G4487	G3739	G1473	G2980	G5213	G575
ἐμαυτοῦ	οὐ	λαλῶ,	ό	δὲ	πατὴρ	ό	ἐν	ἐμοὶ	
myself	not	I speak	G3588	but	the Father	G3588	in	me	
G1683	G3756	G2980		G1161	G3962		G1722	G1698	
μένων	αὐτὸς	ποιεῖ	τὰ	ἔργα					
that dwelleth	he	doeth	G3588	the works					
G3306	G846	G4160		G2041					

## Additional Cross-References

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**John 5:19** (Parallel theme): Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

**John 10:38** (Faith): But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.

**John 10:30** (Parallel theme): I and my Father are one.

**Acts 10:38** (Parallel theme): How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

**John 5:17** (Parallel theme): But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.

**John 8:28** (Parallel theme): Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

**John 12:49** (Word): For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.

**John 17:8** (Faith): For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

**Colossians 2:9** (Parallel theme): For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

**1 John 5:7** (Word): For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.