

Indwelling and Sealing

The Work of the Spirit in Salvation · Pneumatology

Every believer is indwelt by the Holy Spirit from the moment of conversion. Our bodies become temples of the Holy Spirit. This indwelling is not temporary but permanent—He will abide with us forever. The Spirit's indwelling distinguishes the new covenant from the old, when the Spirit came upon people for specific tasks but did not permanently indwell. We are also sealed with the Spirit, marked as God's possession, secured until the day of redemption. This seal is the guarantee of our inheritance, the down payment of heaven. No one can break God's seal.

Key Verses

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

John 14:16-17

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

Ephesians 1:13-14

In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 4:30

And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Romans 8:9

But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22

Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

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