

# GODHEAD COURSE

## Lesson 22

### Indwelling Spirit

After telling His disciples that He will go away and send them the Comforter, Jesus said:

*“I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.” John 14:18*

*“Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.” John 14:19*

*“At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.” John 14:20*

Here we see Jesus speaking about a state of life, or quality or type of life that has to do with His resurrection (*because I live*), and His coming to us (I will come to you.)

When He said “*because I live, ye shall live also*” He was not referring to a mere physical life which everyone possesses. He was not referring to our probationary life that sinners and saint possess alike. He was not even referring to a life that only begins after our resurrection. No. He was referring to them obtaining a special kind of life that is dependent on His resurrection and coming to them. A life they did not possess on the day Jesus spoke those words.

Contextually, this promised life begins at the day when:

- I go unto the Father (John 14:12)
- The other comforter comes (John 14:16)
- When He shall be in you (John 14:17)
- When I come to you (John 14:18)
- When I live and you live also (John 14:19)
- When I am in you (John 14:20)

So, this type of life Jesus was talking about begins on the day when He comes to us and lives in us. On that day, “*you shall live*” He told them. He was referring to a life that begins on this earth in our Mortal flesh upon receiving the Comforter.

What did Jesus mean by saying “*ye shall live also*”? and how is this life related to the indwelling promised spirit?

To better understand what life Jesus was talking about and how it is related to the indwelling spirit, we need to understand that the indwelling spirit is the indwelling of Christ Himself.

Notice the following parallels in Jesus’ words:

*“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.” John 14:26*

So according to Jesus, the Father will send the comforter in Jesus name. notice how Paul recorded the fulfilment of this promise:

*“And because ye are sons, God hath **sent forth the Spirit of his Son** into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.” Gal 4:6*

The comforter who comes from the Father is the spirit of Jesus.

A bit later in His discourse, Jesus said:

*“But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceeded from the Father, he shall testify of me:” John 15:26*

According to Jesus, the comforter proceeds from the Father. yet again, notice what we read after Jesus’ resurrection:

*“And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:” John 20:22*

Jesus breathed the holy spirit onto His disciples illustrating that the promised spirit is His own “breath, spirit and life.”

Talking about the same comforter Jesus said:

*“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.**” John 14:17*

After the resurrection of Jesus, the comforter was going to be in the believer. Few verses later Jesus said:

*“At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and **I in you.**” John 14:20*

Still talking about the same promise, Jesus said that on that day, when the Father will send you the comforter, I will be in you.

It is rather clear that the indwelling of the comforter is the indwelling of Christ.

Another interesting parallel is found when we compare Luke’s record of the book of Acts with Mark’s summery of it.

The gospel of Luke tells the story of Jesus’s life, while the book of Acts is Luke’s record of the work the Holy Spirit did through the disciples. The book could be rightly named “the acts of the Holy Spirit.”

Mark sums up the book of Acts in one verse shedding a different light on it:

*“So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.” Mark 16:19*

*“And they went forth, and preached everywhere, **the Lord working with them**, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.” Mark 16:20*

According to Mark, it was the Lord working with them. Why would he think that? Because the promised spirit is the spirit, life and presence of the Lord Jesus.

Moving forward to the writings of Paul, we find another interesting parallel:

In his first letter to the Corinthians, he writes:

*“your body is the temple of the Holy spirit which is in you” 1 Cor 6:19*

In his second letter to the same church he writes:

*“... Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?” 2 Cor 13:5*

Paul’s writings clearly teach that the indwelling Holy Spirit, or the comforter is the indwelling of the Spirit of Jesus or Jesus Himself.

When we receive the Holy spirit, we are receiving Christ Himself. And when we receive Christ we in actual fact receive His own life. The only reason we receive His life is because we receive Him.

The indwelling of the holy spirit or the comforter is the indwelling of the life of Christ.

The bible repeatedly state that Christ is in the believer. Notice:

- *“That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; ...” Eph 3:17*
- *“And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.” Rom 8:10*
- *“... Christ in you, the hope of glory:” Col 1:27*
- *“... greater is **he** that is in you, than he that is in the world” 1 John 4:4*
- *“... Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?” 2 Cor 13:5*
- *“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.” Rev 3:20*
- *“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless, I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: ....” Gal 2:20*
- *“I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.” John 17:23*

- *“He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.” Eph 4:10*
- *“I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.” John 14:18*

Because Jesus dwelling in the believer, we receive His life. It is His life that is living in us:

*“Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.” 2 Cor 4:10*

*“For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.” 2 Cor 4:11*

The promised life is the promised victorious life of Jesus which we receive as a result of receiving Him. The only way to become one with God, to turn from Darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God is to have Christ living in you.

The indwelling of Christ is our only hope of glory and oneness with God.

When one looks at the big picture, he discovers that everything pertaining to man has been and will forever continue to be through Jesus Christ. He is the mediator between God and man. Salvation, eternal life and oneness with God comes through Jesus Christ.

Back in the days of eternity, Jesus was referred to as the “Word of God” (John 1:1-3) That same Word became flesh and dwelt amongst us (John 1:14); and after His resurrection He was made a life-giving spirit (1 Cor 15:45).

- As the Word of God, He created us. The bible says that God created all things through His Son. God worked through the Word, His Son to create Humanity. (Heb 1:2; Eph 3:9)
- As the Word made flesh, He dwelt **with** us. The bible also tells us that “God was in Christ...” (2 Cor 5:19) God the Father dwelt with Humanity through His Son. Hence His name was Immanuel, God with us.
- As the Word made a life-giving spirit, He dwells **in** us. The Bible repeatedly tells us that Jesus dwells in us, yet also says that we are the temple of God, and the spirit of God dwells in us (1 Cor 3:16). It says that He that raised us Jesus dwells in us (Rom 8:11). God dwells in us through His Son.

God created us through His divine Son, dwelt with us through His incarnated Son, and dwells with us through His resurrected and glorified Son.

The spirit we receive is not God the holy spirit, the third member in the trinity. No. The spirit we received is the spirit and life of Jesus Christ; it is Jesus Christ Himself in spirit form.

If we are to take the bible as it reads and believe what it teaches, we must believe that Jesus Christ Himself, the person of Jesus, without the physical form of course, dwells in the believer.

Any idea or theology that gives you anything different than or less than the person of Jesus Christ is a deception. To have another person other than Christ, or merely the words of Christ without having Christ is not good enough.

As we saw in the previous lessons, the holy spirit is as much a person as God is a person. He is divine and has the God nature. But why? Because it is the very person of Jesus Christ.

- This explains why the spirit was not yet Given because Jesus was not yet glorified.
- This explains why Peter would say by lying to the holy spirit you lied unto God (Acts 5:3, 9)
- This explains why the apostles would say the spirit forbade us then say the spirit of Jesus forbade us (Acts 16:7)
- It explains why Luke would record in the book of Acts what the spirit did through the apostles and worked with them, yet Mark would say the Lord working with them (Mark 16:20)
- This harmonizes *"I am with you always even unto the end of the world"* (Matt 28:20) with *"if I depart, I will send him unto you."* (John 16:7)
- This harmonizes the holy spirit in you with Christ in you the hope of glory.

The indwelling of the Holy spirit is the indwelling of Jesus Christ in whom is also the Father. hence when we received Jesus, we receive both, the Father and the Son (John 14:23)