

# HOW THE GODHEAD DWELLS IN MAN

## INTRODUCTION: *THE INDWELLING – FACT OR FICTION*

1. “*He is so big and great that the Universe cannot contain Him and yet so small that He can dwell in my heart!*”
2. This is a biblical view of God (Acts 17:24; 2 Corinthians 6:16).
3. The indwelling of the Godhead is fact, not fiction.
  - a. It is for the obedient (John 14:23).
  - b. Not for the disobedient (2 John 9-11).

## I. DOES THE FATHER DWELL IN MAN?

- A. Yes!
  1. John 14:23
  2. 1 John 4:4, 15-16
- B. How?
  1. Literally?
    - a. The Father dwelt in the Son (John 17:21).
    - b. If literally, then why do we pray, “Our Father who art in heaven” (Matthew 6:9)? (Cf. John 16:23)
    - c. If physically, then how did Jesus come from the Father and return to the Father (John 7:29; 14:28; 20:17)?
  2. The Father indwells man by means of His Word.
    - a. 2 Corinthians 6:16-18
    - b. Ephesians 2:11-22; 1 Peter 2:1-8

## II. DOES THE SON DWELL IN MAN?

- A. Yes!
  1. John 6:56; 14:23
  2. Galatians 2:20; Colossians 1:27
- B. How?
  1. Literally?
    - a. If so, would not that make us deity?
    - b. John 1:14; Hebrews 2:14-17; 10:5
  2. The Son indwells man by means of His Word.
    - a. Ephesians 3:17 (cf. Romans 10:17)
    - b. Jesus is now in Heaven (Acts 2:33; 7:55; 3:20-21).

## III. DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT DWELL IN MAN?

- A. Yes!
  1. Romans 8:9-11
  2. Galatians 4:6
- B. How?
  1. Literally?
    - a. The Holy Spirit is in Heaven (Revelation 1:4; 4:5; 5:6).  
{*Why not in John or in the seven churches?*}
    - b. If so, what does He do that the word does not do?
  2. The Holy Spirit indwells man by means of His Word.
    - a. Ephesians 5:18-19; Colossians 3:16 (cf. 1 Cor. 3:16)
    - b. 2 Samuel 23:2; 1 Timothy 4:1; Revelation 2:7