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THE INDWELLING AND FILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit indwells the body of every Church Age believer, together with the Father and Son. The purpose of the indwelling is to make the believer's body a temple worthy of Christ, [2 Corinthians 6:16]. The believer by himself is not capable of providing an acceptable dwelling place for Christ –the *Σηεκινωη* glory. The presence of this secret spiritual sanctuary for Christ to dwell made it possible for the believer to obey the command to glorify God in your body [1 Corinthians 6:19-20].

The command to glorify God is fulfilled by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit executes and maintains the plan of the Father in the life of the positive and who adheres to the will, plan and purpose of God. Two vital ministries of the Holy Spirit are involved in the glorification Christ- the filling and indwelling.

The Holy Spirit indwells the body of the believer so Christ may take up royal residence there while the filling of the Holy Spirit enables the believer to reflect the glory of the resident Christ.

Indwelling puts the Spirit's help near at hand, in fact, within the Christian himself; filling actually delivers the Spirit's help as He invisibly energizes the divine sphere.

The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is permanent while the filling of the Holy Spirit is intermittent. Scripture never commands the Church Age believers to be indwelt by the Spirit but rather regards the indwelling as a constant reality. The Bible commands the believer to be filled with the Spirit [Ephesians 5:18, Galatians 5:16].

The believer cannot change the indwelling of the Holy Spirit while the filling of the Spirit is a matter of choice.

The believer loses the filling of the Holy Spirit by committing sin. He restores the filling of the Holy Spirit by confessing or acknowledging his sin to the Father [1 John 1:9]. The principle of rebound remains the same in all dispensations as the only means of recovering fellowship with God (but the fellowship with God does not include the filling of the Holy Spirit).

The Holy Spirit is the power source in the divine sphere –living outside is living under the power of the old sinful nature (called “grieving or quenching the Spirit” –Ephesians 4:30, 1 Thessalonians 5:19).

Living inside the divine sphere implies being filled with the Holy Spirit. While the believer concentrates on Bible doctrine and through which the Holy Spirit illuminates the truth in the soul of the believer [1 Corinthians 2:9-16].

The indispensable ministry of the indwelling Spirit (like illuminating the Bible doctrine, convicting the believer to rebound, teaching the Word and others) operates only when the believer is filled with the Spirit.

Filling of the Holy Spirit is the “access key” that opens many doors inside the will, plan and purpose of God.

The instantaneous effects of the indwelling is permanent – it cannot be lost, undone, alter, cancel and it does not need repetition or what they called the “second baptism” of the Holy Spirit.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit occurred when the believer decided to believe and receive the salvation by grace alone, through faith alone – in Christ alone. At that moment the Holy Spirit came to dwell in the believer permanently.

Nothing can make the indwelling of the Holy Spirit invalidate –not even God because He cannot deny Himself or void His perfect decision or work [Romans 8:37 ff.].