

The Indwelling Christ

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7 Because the mind set on the flesh is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, for neither can it be. 8 And those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But you are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Yet if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not of Him. 10 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 And if the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you. 12 So then, brothers, we are debtors not to the flesh to live according to the flesh; 13 For if you live according to the flesh, you must die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the practices of the body, you will live.

What happens when the mind is set on the flesh? (Rom. 8:6-8)

In Rom. 8:8-9, what does the use of the word "in" suggest?

What happens when the Spirit of God dwells (*lit.-makes home, resides*) in us? (Rom. 8:9, 10, 6, 11; Eph. 3:17)

According to Rom.8:9, what does *being of Christ* depend on? (2 Cor. 3:17, 2 Tim. 4:22, 1 Cor. 6:17)

What is the relationship between the Spirit of life, the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Christ and the Spirit of the One? (Rom. 8:2, 9, 11 and footnote 8:9⁴)

Is our being of Christ dependent on condition and experience or on source and position? (Rom. 8:9, John 3:6, 1Cor. 6:17, 1 Cor. 1:29-30)

In Rom. 8, what do the phrases, "Christ is in you" (v.10), "the Spirit of God dwells in you" (v.9), the "Spirit of the One...dwells in you" (v.11) and "His Spirit who indwells you" (v.11) show us about Christ and the Spirit? (cf. 2 Cor. 13:5, Col. 1:27, 1 Cor. 15:45, 2Cor. 3:17-18)

In what ways were we dead before we believed in the Lord? (Rom. 8:10; Eph. 2:1, 5; Col. 2:13, cf. 1 Cor. 15:22)

In what way are we dead after we believe? What is the difference between the two types of death we are in as Christians? (Rom. 6:4, 6, 8:10; Gal. 2:20)

To what spirit does the phrase "the spirit is life" (in Rom. 8:10) refer? Why is it life? (John 3:6; Rom. 8:4-6, 9, 15-16; 1 Cor. 6:17)

What does God's justification have to do with our spirit being life? (Rom. 8:10, 5:18, 21)

How can the objective facts in Rom. 6:5, concerning our death and resurrection in Christ, become our subjective experience? (Rom. 8:11)

Show from Rom. 8:11 how the Triune God is revealed, what words point to the process the Triune God went through to dispense Himself into us and what words show this dispensing?

Where does the Spirit reside? (Rom. 8:11, 1 Cor. 3:16, 6:19; John 14:17)

What is the impact on our bodies, when we allow the Spirit of God to make His home in us and saturate our entire being with the divine life? (Rom. 8:11)

According to Rom. 8:12, is it still possible for us to live according to the flesh by setting the mind on the flesh? Do we have to?

In Rom. 8:13, which, if any of these phrases, mean something physical: "to die", "to put to death", and "to live"?

How do we put to death the practices of the body? (Rom. 8:13, footnote 8:13²)

If we don't actually put to death the body, then what actually needs to be put to death? (Rom. 8:13; Col. 3:5)