



## Sanctification -- Indwelt by the Godhead

Three disciples asked Jesus three leading questions during the last few hours before He was taken, judged and crucified.

**Thomas' question**, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way"?

**Jesus' answer**, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. if you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him" (Jn. 14:6-7).

**Philip's question**, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us"?

**Jesus' answer**, "Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father" (Jn. 14:8-9).

Jesus goes on to explain His relationship with His Father, "The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works.

*Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves"* (Jn. 14:10b-11).

Jesus continues with words of encouragement, "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father. Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it" (Jn. 14:12-14).

Jesus also promises to send the Holy Spirit to abide within them as His representative (16). At that time they will know "that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him" (20-21).

**Judas' (not Iscariot) question**, "Lord, what then has happened that You are going to disclose Yourself to

us and not to the world" (Jn. 14:22)?

**Jesus' answer**, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him... the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you" (Jn. 14:23-26).

Jesus reveals to His disciples and also to us that not only will the Christian be indwelt by the Holy Spirit, but that He and God the Father will also indwell those who love Him and keep His words. In other words the Christian is indwelt by the fullness of the Godhead even as Jesus was (Col. 2:9).

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John 14:23

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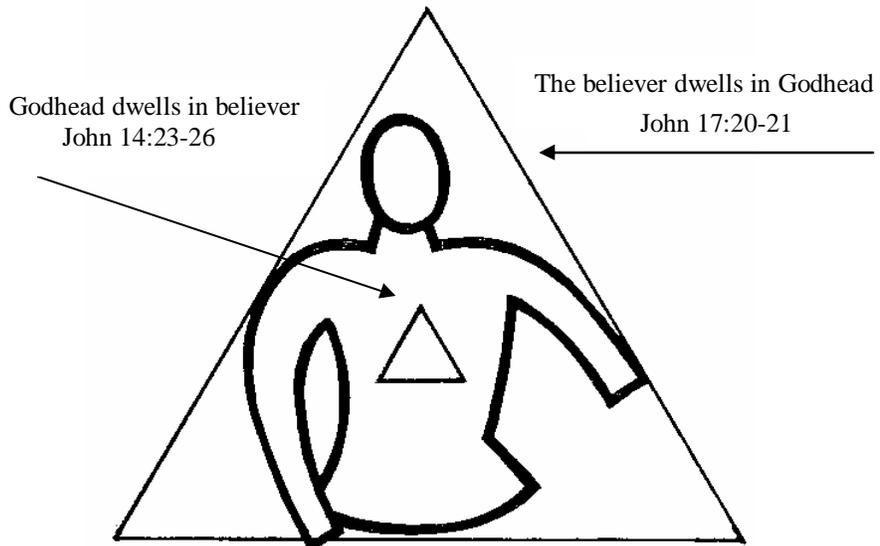
### *Dwelling in the Godhead*

Jesus, after making these promises to His disciples and also to us, **prays for His disciples and us** that the Godhead will dwell within the believer and that we believers will also dwell within the Godhead! *“I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me”* (Jn 17: 20-21).

**Hallelujah, the Godhead dwells within the believer, and the believer dwells within the Godhead!** This “spiritual bonding,” however, has been given to be shared and not hoarded to oneself. God designed His indwelling LIFE to overflow from us to others transforming them also.

Earlier that same evening during the Upper Room Discourse, Jesus reminded the disciples, *“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another”* (Jn. 13:34-35).

Years later, after Jesus’ death, burial, resurrection and ascension, the beloved disciple John reminded the believers of his day, *“Hereby perceive we the love of God,*



*“Sanctified by God the Father”* (Jude 1:1)

*“Sanctified in Christ Jesus”* (1 Cor. 1:2)

*“Through the sanctifying work of the Spirit”* (1 Pet. 1:2)

**This is complete spiritual bonding – truly a win, win relationship where Jesus Christ is all and in all!!!** (Colossians 3:4)

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*because he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren”* (1 John 3:16).

***“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world”*** (Matt. 28 19-20).

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D. L. Moody’s entire offensive assumed that the gospel witnessed to by the Holy Spirit was the most sensational thing in the world! “Oh, my friends,” he said a score of times, “the right way to conquer the world’s attraction is not by violence, not by law, not by threatening, but by a big enough counter attraction. ***Something better!***”

(World’s Fair Gospel Campaign, Chicago, 1892).  
From *Bush Aglow* by Richard Ellsworth Day, pp. 320-21.

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I’ve found a refuge from life’s care in Jesus,  
I am hiding in His love divine;  
He fully understands my soul’s deep longing,  
And He whispers softly, “Thou art mine.”

I’ve found a precious joy in knowing Jesus,  
Never dreamed of in this world of woe;  
No clouds, however dark, can dim the radiance  
Of the heav’nly light He doth bestow.

**Chorus: Only Jesus! Only Jesus! Only He can satisfy;  
Every burden becomes a blessing,  
When I know my Lord is nigh!**

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