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THE INDWELLING SPIRIT

Introduction: The first step in experiencing the Spirit's fullness in our lives is accept the fact of His indwelling. Every believer is indwelt by the Spirit (Rom. 8:9), even carnal Christians (I Cor. 3:16; 6:19)! To be unaware of the Spirit's indwelling is like having a million dollars without knowing it.

In this lesson we're concerned with the Purpose of His Indwelling. The Holy Spirit indwells us:

I. To Reproduce Christ

"In His Steps" - makes two wrong assumption

1. John 14:18 - "I will not leave you helpless orphans." Jesus promised to fill the void that His ascension would create. *II Cor 3:18 Rom 8:29*
2. John 14:16 - "Another of the same kind." Rom. 8:9 - The Spirit of CHRIST."
3. The Spirit was given to be to us all that Jesus would be, were He physically present:

"What though His holy footsteps
Linger no longer here?
Still through His Spirit's presence,
Jesus is ever near."

II. To Represent Christ

1. John 14:26 - "In my name" - To represent Me. Paraclete - "one called alongside to help."
2. Christ is our advocate in heaven before the Father - I John 2:2. The Holy Spirit is Jesus' advocate on earth before the church.
3. The Spirit's office is to represent Christ, plead His cause, defend His name, guard His interests and administer His property.
4. As we yield to the Sovereign Sway of the Spirit, He presses upon the claims of Christ.

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III. To Reveal Christ

1. John 16:12 - Progressive revelation. God meets us at the level of our capacity - II Kings 4:6.
2. John 16:13, 14 - The Holy Spirit's relation to Jesus.
3. John 15:26
4. John 14:26 - Many of the teachings of Jesus we at present don't understand, but the Spirit will reveal them to us as we're able to receive them.
5. I Cor. 2:12 f. Only the Holy Spirit can communicate spiritual truth.

IV. To Revere Christ

1. John 16:14 - The Spirit's one overall purpose is to glorify Jesus.
2. This is the test of any movement, work, experience, etc. If it doesn't glorify Jesus, it isn't of the Spirit. Any movement, etc. that puts the Holy Spirit in center stage is not from the Holy Spirit. The Spirit never stands at the head of the parade - only Jesus.
3. This is the Key to the fullness of the Spirit. When a believer wants what the Spirit wants, namely, to glorify Jesus, the Spirit fills him in order to accomplish this very thing.