

**Scripture:** Ephesians 1:15 – 2:10

Lord's Day 17

**Singing:** 17:1, 4, 5 – 31:3, 4, 7 – 330:1 – 136:1 – 422:5-6

### THE SPIRIT'S INDWELLING (3)

I. The meaning II. The evidence III. The comfort

#### I & II. THE MEANING & EVIDENCE OF THE SPIRIT'S INDWELLING

A. If a true believer, you are so solely by the Spirit's indwelling (1 Cor. 12:3)

1. True believers bear *evidence of being spiritually resurrected* (Rom 8:9-11)

a. Christ living in you cannot be hidden

b. Spirit of Christ is not a mere guest but a power dwelling within

- He is the completing the workmanship of Jesus (Eph. 2:10)

- He enables them to mortify deeds of body (vs. 13)

- He leads His people (vs. 14)

- He is groaning within His people (vs. 23)

- He is our Divine Helper (vs. 26)

B. The incoming and indwelling of the Holy Spirit is our *first resurrection*

1. Before His quickening, all are dead in trespasses and sin (Romans 8:7-8)

a. this is easily to prove if you compare how we relate to the 'earthly vs. the heavenly' – the 'human vs. the divine'

2. What is the only remedy: *the quickening Spirit of Jesus Christ* (Rom. 8:11)

a. He who raised up Jesus Christ is the One Who needs to raise us up

b. Yet God quickens us in the 'use of His Word' (Col. 1:28-29)

- be under the Word

- turn away from all the wrong God tells you

- let God's promise encourage you: Proverbs 1:23

### **III. THE COMFORT OF THE SPIRIT'S INDWELLING**

A. The Spirit not only renews our spirit but also our body (Rom. 8:11)

1. While on earth, God's saints are raised to a new life (Rom. 6:4; Col. 3:1)

2. Yet our 'body remains dead because of sin' (vs. 10)

a. The 'body' in Romans 7:24 refers to *indwelling sin*

b. The 'body' in Romans 8:11 refers to the physical body

3. The promise: *our bodies will be resurrected like Jesus Himself!*

a. This truth is a cornerstone in the Christian comfort

b. Jesus was the *first fruit* (1 Cor. 15:20-22)

c. We will rise with our own body in a perfect condition (1 Cor. 15:42-44)

#### **Living the truth ...**

A. Brethren: do we live in the anticipation of this glorious truth?

1. How close does our life resemble Paul's in Phil. 1 & 3?

a. Do we long to depart to be with Christ? (Phil. 1:23)

b. Do we long to be rid of our vile body and be like Christ? (Phil. 3:20-21)

c. If so, be of good cheer: *He which hath began a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.* (Phil 1:6)